THE WEATHER.

Fair Sunday, colder in eastern portion; Monday, unsettled; probably rain by night; warm in interior; moderate north to northeast winds.

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THREE MINISTERS KILL MOONSHINER

Georgian Broke Down Church Door When Denied Admission

EJECTED AND BEGAN SHOOTING

Three Preacher Brothers Were Armed and Returned Fire—One Minister Was Shot—An Illicit Distillery Near Church.

Jasper, Ga., December 24.—Carter Lingerfelt, an alleged moonshiner and a well known character of this section, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon at Mount Pizgah Baptist church, in Gilmer county, by Rev. W. J. Kimmon. It is alleged that Lingerfelt went to the church during a session of the church conference broke down the door when denied admission, and attempted to drive Dr. Kimmon from his pulpit. Lingerfelt was ejected from the church. In the churchyard he opened fire on the minister and the minister's two brothers, R. T. Kimmon and J. R. Kimmon, who are also ministers. The ministers were armed and returned the fire. Lingerfelt fell from the first bullet fired by W. J. Kimmon. J. R. Kimmon was shot by Lingerfelt, but not seriously wounded.

A striking coincidence in connection with the tragedy is that at the same time the duel in the church yard was taking place, Deputy Collector Hopkins, of this place, was destroying a large illicit distillery within half a mile of the church, Lingerfelt being the alleged operator of the "plant." The tragedy is said to have resulted from a crusade waged on illicit distilling.

PARIS SENSATION GLIMMERING.

American Countess Withdraws Charge in Picture Swindle.

Tours, France, Dec. 24.—The series of sensations that has enlivened the trial of "Count" and "Countess" D'Aulby de Gatigny, reached a climax today when the Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston, abandoned her accusations that D'Aulby and his wife had conspired to swindle her out of $200,000 in the sale of spurious paintings.

M. Bernard, for the defense, asked the public prosecutor to stop the proceedings, but this was refused and the trial continued. The evidence was concluded and an adjournment was taken until January 2nd.

The withdrawal of the Duchess' charges theoretically weakens, if it does not destroy the foundation for the prosecution. It is understood that she was actuated by the conclusion of a private agreement concerning the disposition of the letters in the possession of D'Aulby and alleged to have been written by Mrs. Paine.

D'Aulby's London lawyer, Behrend, who had possession of the Duchess' alleged letters, testified that an attempt had been made to break into and rob his office. He added that he had seen a letter written to Paine in which the American confirmed the picture contract with D'Aulby. As the court adjourned, there was some cries of "Long live D'Aulby."

GREAT BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS.

State Seems Indifferent About Christening Her Namesake.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A daughter of the State of Arkansas, in all probability, will christen the great 26,000-ton battleship Arkansas at Camden, N. J., on January 24th, in spite of the fact that the Legislature of the State failed to make an appropriation for an extensive participation of that commonwealth in the launching of her namesake in the navy. In view of the situation, it is said at the Navy Department Governor Donaghey probably will be asked by the government to name as sponsor for the vessel a wife or a daughter of a citizen of Arkansas, who lives in Washington, or some other point within easy access of Camden. In any event, it will be the endeavor of the Department not to deprive the State of the honor of christening the vessel, a custom invariably observed in the navy.

DEATH AT WASHINGTON.

Mrs. D. V. Warren Enters Into Rest. Funeral This Afternoon.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Passed into eternity this morning Mrs. D. V. Warren, aged 81 years. Mrs. Warren was one of our oldest and most respected citizens. She was the last surviving daughter of Col. Richard H. Bonner and his wife, Elizabeth, and the widow of the late Judge Edward J. Warren. Mrs. Warren was a woman of great strength and sweetness of character, of brilliant intellect and cordial manners. Although an invalid for years, she bore her sufferings with dignity and sweet serenity until the Lord called her to better things. The funeral services will be held from her late residence, corner of Main and Bonner streets, tomorrow afternoon at 3:30.

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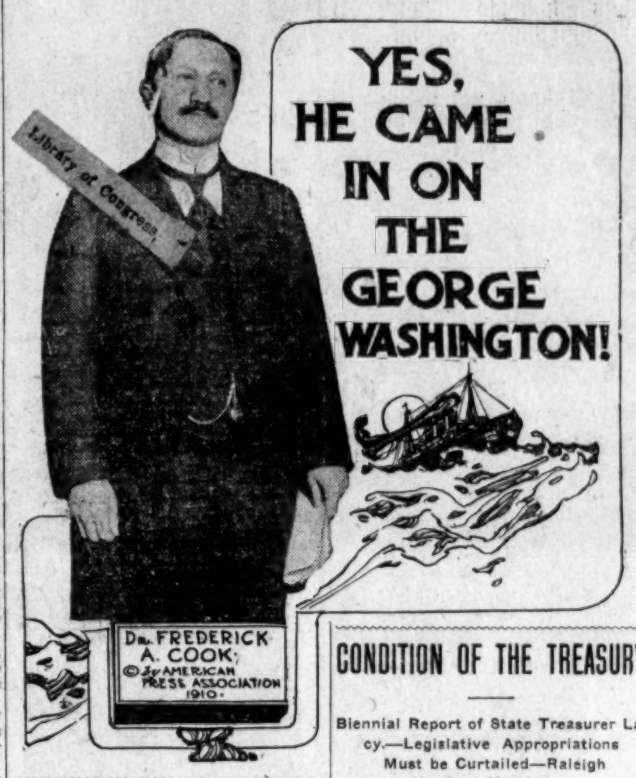
Dr. Frederick A. Cook Is Now in New York



BILLS LADING FRAUD CASES

Cotton Circles in New York Stirred Over Court Decision—Endorsing Banks Likely for Losses Far Reaching.

New York, Dec. 24.—The effect of a decision in the cotton bills of lading cases rendered here by Supreme Court Justice Newburger, is being discussed today among the interests involved, including cotton exporting firms, bankers and representatives of big foreign mercantile houses. The case is the first one growing out of the cotton bills of lading frauds to be decided, and while its import was apparently not realized by others than the parties immediately involved when the case was first decided on Wednesday last, the mercantile world today seems to have awakened to the possibilities involved in it.

The judgment found by the court was one for $39,000 against the Hanover National Bank in favor of the Cotton Exchange firm of Springs & Co. The rise of the litigation was in the big cotton bills of lading forgeries perpetrated last Spring in the name of two firms, Knight, Yancey & Co., of Decatur, Ala., and Steele, Miller & Co., of Corinth, Miss. Drafts through New York banks were negotiated with attached bills of lading purporting to show that large amounts of cotton had been delivered to railroads in Alabama for shipment to foreign purchasers. It subsequently was discovered that the bills of lading were forged. It was claimed in the Springs case, just decided that the endorsement by the First National Bank, of Decatur, Ala., which first discounted the draft, vested title in the Hanover National Bank, of this city, and that when the Handver National Bank collected the money it was considered to have warranted the genuineness of the bill of lading attached to the draft. Justice Newburger held that Springs & Co. made payment to the Hanover National Bank through the mistaken belief that the bill of lading was genuine, and hence that even though the bank was an innocent party Springs & Co., were entitled to recover from the bank when it was discovered that the bill of lading was forged.

Justice Newburger, in holding with the view thus outlined, directed judgment, but deferred the filing of an opinion for two weeks. Notice of appeal will, it is stated, be filed at once. Should the higher courts affirm the judgment, it is declared that suits involving several millions of dollars will be instituted by foreign merchants who suffered severe losses from the frauds against the several big banks here which handled the cotton bills and drafts.

TRY NEGRO FIEND.

Governor Calls Special Term at Request of Granville County.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—At the request of the commisioners of Granville county Governor Kitchin today ordered a special term of Superior Court in an effort to try Nathan Montague, the negro who outraged, murdered and burned Miss Mattie Sanders and murdered her father, G. L. Sanders and his little granddaughter, Irene Overton, burning the three bodies in the Sanders residence, which he set on fire to hide his crime. The court is to convene January 16th, with Judge George W. Ward presiding.

Just Received.

Dainty, Dandy, Dancing Slippers, Velvets, Satins and Swedes. Hewlett & Price. **

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY

Biennial Report of State Treasurer Lacy.—Legislative Appropriations Must be Curtailed—Raleigh News of Yesterday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—The biennial report of State Treasurer Lacy calls attention to a deficit of $349,345 in the general fund, $12,118 of this amount being an overdraft on account of 1911, and the remainder in outstanding obligations of the State.

Furthermore, he shows the receipts for the two years amounting to $9,440,002 and disbursements aggregating $10,800,141, making the actual disbursements in excess of receipts $569,139. He estimates the receipts for the next biennial period of 1911 and 1912, on the basis of that of the past two years with increases that may be expected, at $4,693,824, and the expenses and disbursements for this ensuing period together with present outstanding obligations of the State, at $5,081,285, showing that at the end of this period, November 30th, 1912, there would be a deficit of $387,461, of which, however, $103,000 is due to State's prison for stock in the Mattamuskeet Railroad and the Elkin and Allegheny Railway. He explains, too, that in this estimate he has not considered payments to be made of accumulating stock in the Mattamuskeet and the Elkin & Allegheny railroads, of which there are about $51,000 of the first named and $52,000 of the last named. And he judges that there will be $75,000 of these stocks in addition to be considered.

Treasurer Lacy says the Legislature, in its generosity, has always appropriated every cent they think the revenue act will produce and often, as the last did, a good deal more. "When it is remembered that the Summer is the cheapest and best time to build and that the appropriations cannot be paid until the taxes are collected, it can be seen that it is a hardship for the institutions to have to hypothecate their warrants and thereby lessen the amounts they have for buildings. And that if it were not for Sec. 5372 of the Revisal of 1905, giving the treasurer discretion when to pay the warrants, the State would be bankrupt most of the year and its credit would be injured by having her warrants hawked about the State.

Treasurer Lacy attributes the big deficit that now confronts the treasury to lack of attention to his estimates two years ago when appropriations were being made and to making appropriations without referring bills to the appropriations committee, and he urges that for the approaching session of the Legislature no appropriations whatsoever be made without referring the bills to the appropriations committee.

The Treasurer's statement of the bonded State debt shows $7,200,000 interest bearing debt and $39,550 unredeemed old construction and consolidated debt bonds. He calls attention of the Legislature to the fact that January 1, 1913 there will be full due $550,000 in short term bonds so that provision for their payment will have to be made by the approaching Assembly.

The report recited the investments of the State to be represented in 30,002 shares of stock in the North Carolina Railroad, 12,666 shares in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad and $63,810 in Wilkesboro-Jefferson Turnpike; $710 in Junaluska Turnpike; $89,000 in Mattamuskeet Railroad and $87,000 in the Elkin & Allegheny Railroad.

He recommends that no radical changes be made in the present Revenue Act and says that it will certainly be necessary to retain the pieent tax rate if the State's obligations are to be met. He asks for the repeal of the clause as to tax on photographers because it is in violation of the Interstate Commerce Law and works a hardship on domestic photographers, and also suggests that piano dealers be made to pay the tax for each make of instruments he handles instead of a single license enabling him to sell any make of piano as at present.

The Glenn Anna Mills Co., Thomasville, was chartered today with $10,000 capital by Robert Brockett, principal incorporator, for milling grain of all kinds. There is also a charter for the Beaufort Fish Scrap & Oil Co., Beaufort, capital $50,000 by H. W. Taylor and others.

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TRAIN WRECKED AND DESTROYED

Eight Passengers Killed or Burned to Death, Twenty-Five Injured

FIVE HUNDRED WERE ABOARD

Throng Was Bound Home to Spend Christmas—Fire Broke Out in Wreckage and Reduced it to Ashes Rapidly.

Kirby-Stephens, Eng., December 24. Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and others burned to death, and 25 more injured, in the wreck of the Scotch Express, near Hawes Junction, today.

The express carried 500 persons bound for their homes in Scotland, to spend Christmas.

It was running at its ordinary speed when near the junction it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed. Fire broke out in the wreckage and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and a rear baggage car was reduced to ashes.

The scene of the accident was high up in the Pennine hills, the loftiest section traversed by railways in England.

PEARY'S ARCTIC ACHIEVEMENT.

His Proofs May Be Passed Upon by Scientists.

Washington, December 24. — Another phase of the proposed honoring of Captain Robert E. Peary, with a staff rear-admiralship in recognition of his Arctic achievements, developed today when it was said that what he presents as proofs of his having reached the North Pole, together with other testimony on that point, may be passed upon by other scientists at the instance of the House Naval Affairs Committee.

When they are submitted at an early meeting of the committee, it is suggested that several scientists should be asked by the committee to express their opinion of ...s and collateral evidence, the previous discussion of the question and of unprejudiced views. Both Representatives Macon, of Arkansas, and Roberts, of Massachusetts, who are most conspicuous of those against the pending bill, will devote considerable attention to the details of the question during the holidays.

CHARGE MUTINY ON HIGH SEAS.

Schooner Blown 1,000 Miles Out of Course During Storm.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—Announcing his intention of bringing charges of mutiny against his crew, Capt. Foxwell, commanding the schooner Grace Seymour, today told of a battle with a storm at sea which threatened to swamp his vessel. The schooner left Owens Ferry on the Satilla river November 22nd, with a cargo of lumber for New York. A day or two after entering the Atlantic a storm was encountered, resuling in serious damage to the schooner and blowing her a thousand miles out of her course. The food finally gave out and the water supply ran so low the crew of seven men was limited to a few cupfuls a day. Several days ago the schooner Jennie B., was hailed at sea and gave Capt. Foxwell an equipment, enabling him to reach Tybee Island, where his schooner was picked up yesterday by the pilot Estill, reaching this port late last night. Capt. Foxwell says the crew refused to obey his orders. No statement could be obtained from the members of the crew.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MEET

Flyers at New Orleans Made Marvelous Flights Yesterday.

New Orleans, December 24.—In establishing the first local altitude record of six thousand one hundred and thirty feet this afternoon in the opening day of the ten days' international aviation meet in this city, Rene Barrier, the French aviator, in a Bleriot fifty horse-power monoplane, flew over the business district of New Orleans

This made the second cross-city flight of the day, John B. Moissant having flown for forty-six minutes, ten second, this morning, at a height of 4,000 feet. He traveled thirty-five miles in his flight and established what is claimed as a world's record for cross-city flights in duration of time aloft.

Rene Barrier flew twice over Lake Pontchartrain and showed wonderful control. Barrier, Moisant, Rene Simon, in monoplanes, made a number of flights while Charles K. Hamilton in his Hamiltonian biplane, made the first flight he has attempted since his accident at Memphis.

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ROADS IN WEST AVOID BIG STRIKE

Locomotive Engineers on Sixty-One Lines Win Their Fight

PAY OF 33,000 MEN RAISED

Engineers Will Average Increase of $192 Each for Year—Settlement Was Under Arbitration Act of Congress.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the 61 railroads west, north and south of Chicago, was settled here today. There will be no strike.

Instead, the engineers get an average increase in wages of ten and one-third per cent, of their 1910 wage scale, giving them a Christmas present of an average of approximately $192 for each of the 33,000 men involved for each subsequent year. Specifically, the agreement provides for a raise of 40 cents a day for all engineers, with a differential, in addition, of 25 cents for 215,000 pound engines, an added differential of 75 cents a day for the smaller Mallet engines, and a differential of $1 a day for the heaviest Mallets.

In a letter to United States Commissioner Charles P. Neill, who, as mediator under the Erdman act, brought the settlement out of what seemed a sure disagreement, Grand Engineer Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood, gave as the reason for accepting the terms offered the suffering and loss which would attend a Western strike.

Numerous specific working conditions are improved by the agreement signed formally late today, and engineers are given control of electric and gasoline motor cars as locomotives, with an increase of 50 cents a day in present wages. Hostlers under the protection of the engineers get an increase of 25 cents a day. The new rate is effective with the signature of the agreement today.

GREAT DAY FOR AVIATORS..

Famous Flyers Make it Interesting at Los Angeles.

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal. December 24. — At the opening of the second annual aviation meet here Arch Hoxsey, of Pasadena, a member of the Wright team, tried to establish a new altitude record of 11,000 feet but succeeded in climbing only 6,250 feet, the cold forcing him to descend. Walter Brookins, of Dayton, Ohio, thrilled the spectators by a 2,000-foot glide. Glenn Curtiss waited until Parmalee brought out his "Baby Wright," hailed as the fastest flyer in the world, for a speed test. Then Curtiss hauled out his own sixty-horsepower biplane and passed Parmalee Curtiss was unofficially timed at more than sixty miles an hour. The judges caught Parmalee's time at 54 miles The machine of James Radley, the Englisn aviator, performed erratically but proved to be the fastest on the field. For the kilometer course his time was 1:50 3-5, against Curtiss' 1:53.

Radley also won the prize for quick starting.

CANADIAN EXPRESS RATES HIGH

Commission Says Companies Must Reduce Them in Ninety Days.

Ottawa, Ont., December 24. — The Canadian Railway Commission has directed the express companies of the Dominion to file lower tariff rates within three months. The commis-too high and that as the express companies are owned by the railway comistence of separate companies to handle the express business.

OUTLINES.

Four mail clerks were killed in a wreck in Tunnel No. 6, near Williamson, W. Va., on the N. & W. railroad, yesterday afternoon.——The threatened strike of locomotive engineers on 61 Western railroads has been averted at Chicago by an increase of wages approximating $192 a year for 33,000 men——Two brothers named Thigper were killed and a third brother was wounded by a town marshal near Dublin, Ga., yesterday.——In England yesterday eight passengers were killed and 20 were injured in a railroad wreck——Peary's proofs that he discovered the North Pole will probably be passed upon by scientists before he will be given recognition, for a rear admiralship——The aviators in the International Aviation Meet at New Orleans made remarkable records——American Naval vessels have been ordered to seize the steamer Hornet, if she is carrying a filibustering expedition to Honduras——It is announced that the Mexican revolution will be crushed in a month or two——New York markets: Flour, steady, but quiet. Wheat, spot, steady; No. 2, red 98 1-2, elevator, and 98, f. o. b. afloat Corn, spot, firmer; No. 2, new, 53 1-2 f. o. b. afloat. Oats, spot, steady; standard white, 38 1-4. Turpentine nominal; machine barrels, 80c. Rosin steady; strained common to good 6.00 to 6.10.

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EXPOSES DR. COOK.

Brooklyn, Dec. 25.—Prof. Herschel C. Parker, of this borough, the first man to expose the claims of Dr. Cook to having reached the summit of Mount McKinley, says he isn't worried at all over the threat of the exploring doctor to answer him free of charge to the newspapers. Dr. Cook still avers that he did climb to Mount McKinley's ultimate and only topmost peak. Prof. Parker asserts that Cook climbed a peak only 5,000 feet high 20 miles from McKinley's summit, and in proof thereof he has submitted a photograph by himself of this lower peak, which coincides with the one printed in Cook's book as the summit of Mount McKinley. Parker will make a third attempt to scale the peak early in 1911.

TRAIN WRECKED IN TUNNEL

Four Mail Clerks Killed Outright in Accident to Norfolk & Western Train—Men Caught Like Rats in Trap.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 24.—Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train No. 16 of the Norfolk & Western Railway, in Tunnel No. 6 near Williamson, W. Va., at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The train left Columbus, Ohio, at 8:15 A. M. en route to this city and Norfolk, Va.

Just what caused the wreck has not been ascertained. The locomotive, tender and the baggage and mail cars were thrown from the tracks. The mail car was badly wrecked. At work in the mail car on the heavy Christmas mails the clerks had no chance of escape. Four of them were killed and one seriously hurt. Engineer Robinson and his fireman, whose name is not known, were both slightly injured. Baggageman R. H. Edwards, of Roanoke, Va., sustained serious injuries, and mail clerk Charles N. Davisson, also of Columbus, was badly hurt. The wreckage choked up the tunnel and it will be some time before the debris can be cleared away and traffic resumed. None of the passengers on the train is reported injured. The dead employes of the railway service are James R. Herndon, of Roanoke, Va.; Carl C. Goode, of McDowell, W. Va.; Howard K. Bell, of Franklin, Ohio; and Lama W. Dowdy, of Pearisburg, Va.

The train was being drawn by two engines, which left the track at the entrance to the tunnel. Mail Clerks Dowdy and Herndon have families and had anticipated being at home for their Christmas dinner.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 24.—A telegram received at midnight from Bluefield, says express Messenger Edwards, of Roanoke, had succumbed to his injuries, making the number of dead five C. M. Davidson, mail clerk, of Columbus, O., died after midnight. The dead and injured are being taken to Portsmouth, Ohio.

SIGNS OF REVOLUTION IN CHINA.

Government Taking Firm Stand Against Agitators.

Peking, Dec. 24.—The government and the National Assembly issued counter defiances today. In a lengthy edict the throne ordered the return home of the provincial leaders who are now in Peking agitating for the immediate convocation of a general parliament and instructed the viceroys to employ general arms to prevent further assemblings in the provinces and to treat the agitators as revolutionaries, punishing them in the severest manner. It is reported that the government is moving the modern troops with the purpose of suppressing any outbreak.

COLOMBIA IS RESENTFUL.

Treaty of Peace With Panama Sprung at Bogata.

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 24.—Dr. Carlos Mendoza, the special emissary of Panama to Colombia, arrived here yesterday. It is understood that Mendoza's mision is to negotiate a treaty of peace between Colombia and Panama. The public here is opposed to such a treaty.

GENERAL NAVARRO TO CRUSH REBELS

Mexican Commander Executed Thirty-Two Civilian Prisoners

REBELLION WILL END SOON

Reinforcements Have Been Sent and Federal Troops Will Take Offensive—Nation-Wide Revolt Hopeless—Diaz Sends Army.

Chihuahua, Mex., December 23, via El Paso, Texas, December 24. — A special representative of The Associated Press, who has been with the insurrectos for two weeks, returned today by mule team. His judgment of the situation in this State may be summarized in the statement that General Navarro has been fought back from the offensive to the defensive, but that the rainforcements now at hand will crush the rebellion within a month or two.

Today was spent by the federal troops in loading food on the cars and in making other preparations for the campaign.

It is their program to take Mal Paso—the present rebel stronghold. This once taken, a junction will be formed with Navarro under the troops which have come overland from Sonora.

The insurrectos lost one chance of creating a nation-wide revolt when they failed to crush Navarro at Cerro Prieto. He is now strictly on the defensive at Pedernales. While he is under orders not to take the offensive he is in a defensive position which the insurrectos cannot attack without disaster. Navarro's original force was scarcely more than a police force which a misguided government considered sufficient. Diaz is now sending an army.

Arrivals from the front today brought confirmation of the statement that Navarro executed a number of civilians at Cerro Prieto. The number is given now as 32, twenty-two in the village proper and ten at a hamlet nearby. The story was told here today in convinving detail. Last Saturday the revolutionists executed the prisoners as a retaliatory measure These were loyalists taken at Guerrero three or four weeks ago. They were given trial of a rough sort and convicted of treachery while being allowed the consideration of neutrals.

Train Load of Troops.

Chihuahua, Mex., December 24. — Two big trains carrying 1,300 troops left here this morning to reinforce General Navarro. Their first taks, a difficult one, will be to take Mal Paso.

Rebels Blew Up Six Bridges.

El Paso, Texas, December 24. — A telephone message from Superintendent George Rutledge, who went down with the El Paso and Northwestern train on its trip south today, reports that the revolutionists blew up at least six bridges and possibly more after stealing a train on Thursday night.

War Refuges Are Suffering.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 24.—Official reports disclose serious suffering in Presidio county along the Rio Grande frontier, 75 miles from the railroad. Not less than 700 refugees, chiefly women and children, have recently crossed the river from Mexico to this side at Presidio and other points, existence on the other side being unendurable owing to active presence of soldiers and revolutionists, it is said. The mining town of Shafter has made up a purse of $150 which will last about a week.

TRAIN DEMOLISHED AUTOMOBILE

Two Men and Boy Killed Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, December 24. —While delivering Christmas packages in a big automobile truck for Strawbridge & Clothier, a Philadelphia department store, two men and a boy who were in the vehicle were killed tonight when a Baltimore and Ohio train struck the truck at Moore, ten miles from this city.

The train was running at a high speed waen it struck the wagon and the force of the impact was so great that it tore the body of the automobile from its trucks and tossed it to the sides of the tracks. It took fire and was consumed by the flames, together with practically all the Christmas goods. The truck was carried half a mile up the tracks on the pilot of the engine.

FIGHT OVER STATE CAPITAL.

Suit in Oklahoma to Enjoin Removal to Oklahoma City.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 24.—A suit asking an injunction against the removal of the State offices to Oklahoma City under the capital bill passed at a recent special session of the Legislature was filed in the Supreme Court here today in the name of W. H. Coyle, a heavy tax payer of this city. Mr. Coyle aserts that a special session of the Legislature was void because newly elected members sat before the terms of old ones had expired.

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XMAS AT LUMBERTON.

Weather Interfered With Shopping—Several Arrests Last Night.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 24. — Owing to the very disagreeable weather, the crowd in town today was not as large as would have been with favorable weather conditions, but much shopping has been done. There has been much drunkenness and several fights have occurred, but otherwise the Christmas Eve has been quiet. Up to midnight eight offenders have been locked up for being drunk and disorderly. Strange to relate, all those locked up are white men, except one Croatan. Not a colored person has been arrested.

Ex-Jailer Cut Last Night.

In a lively personal encounter at Seventh and Castle streets last night about 8 o'clock, "Bud" Swann painfully cut Ed. Capps, ex-jailer, about the head, but he was not seriously injured. Swann was lodged in the city prison and had not given bond at 10:30 o'clock last night. Capps was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where his wounds were dressed, after which he was returned to the City Hall, where he gave bond for his appearance at trial Tuesday morning. The charge against Swann and Capps is an affray.

GOOD IN SPOTS.

One Man Who Discovered That War Was Not Wholly Bad.

Lem Jackson loved to loaf. He lived in the mountains not far from Greenville, Tenn., with his wife and a large brood of children. Lem had a "houn' dawg" that he set great store by, and he spent most of his time lounging in a runway waiting to shoot a deer driven in by old Bose or sprawling on the bank of a stream fishing. In that way he was a good provider after a fashion, but not all the urging, scolding, nagging and broomsticking of his shrewish wife could drive him to work.

Lem led the lazy life of a Rip Van Winkle until the outbreak of the civil war, and then he joined the Confederate army. At the end of six months Lem was shot through the right thigh, and it was long before he was able to limp out of the hospital and back to his regiment. In the second year he was shot in the left shoulder, and when he returned to duty his left hand was bent far back by a shortened tendon, but he was still able to raise his rifle. Early in the fourth year they got him again—a musket ball through the body—but he was back in the ranks long before the fighting was ended. Every one wondered at Lem's persistence in sticking to the terrible trade of war.

Dr. Girdner met Lem hobbling down the street in Greenville one morning in June, 1865, still pale and weak from his latest wound, his right leg short and wabbly, his left hand stiffly bent back.

"Glad to see you alive, Lem," said the doctor. "I suppose you're glad to be home again?"

"Waal," Lem admitted without enthusiasm, "I s'pose I had to git erlong home. Gin'ral Lee he surrindered us down to Appomattox, an' we all had to go home."

"But aren't you glad to be away from the dangers of war?"

"Why, doc, war hain't so bad," cried honest Lem—"war hain't so bad. There's lots of days when you don't have nothin' to do."—Harper's Weekly.

A GAME OF BALL.

How It May Strike a Stranger Who Sees It For the First Time.

Nothing has set America so high in the estimation of foreign nations, says Ellis Parker Butler in Success Magazine, as the adoption of baseball as the national sport. If a foreign spy wanders into America seeking to fathom our real inwardness and sees a game of baseball any feeling of contempt for our newness gives way instantly to awestruck admiration. At his first glance baseball is to him a mystery, and it remains a mystery to him. He sees 30,000 men and women suffering the tortures of the lower regions on hot grand stands. He sees a man pick up a small white ball as hard as a pine knot. Facing him is another man who holds a smooth but deadly club in his hands. Behind this second man is a third man whose face is hidden behind a birdcage. Suddenly the man with the ball raises one foot in the air and shows the man with the bat the sole of his shoe. The man at the bat sees that there are spikes in the sole of the shoe, and it angers him, and he raises his bat to throw it at the man with the ball. But—ah, ha!—the man with the ball is too quick for him. He throws the hard, white ball at the man with the bat with all his strength. The man with the bat waves defiance by swinging the bat in the air. The ball proceeds. The batsman never flinches! Will the ball kill the man or will the impact crush the ball? But, see! The ball finds man unflinching; the ball is panic stricken; the ball dodges around the man; the ball is lost, buried in the huge leather chair cushion that covers the hand of the birdcage man behind the batsman! "Strike one!" says the umpire. Thirty thousand cheers! Why?

Grub Street's Pawnshop.

If the Avant is not the oldest and best known pawnshop in the world it deserves to be. It has been in existence ever since the days of Shakespeare and Ben Jonson. It is in Fleet street—Grub street—and has been the poor writer's uncle for all these centuries and years. It has an old legend something like this: "Old Literary Friends Never Forgotten." There are many souvenirs, sayings and traditions of the greatest men on earth who, going broke, had to patronize it. Outside of its own name it is well known as the Grub street pawnshop.—London Mail.

Just Received.

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AMUSEMENTS

Academy. Bijou. Joyland. Palace.

The present week—Christmas week—will be a merry and big whirl at the Academy of Music. Popular prices will be offered for the entire week, save Friday night, when one of the most notable attractions Wilmington has ever had and which will indeed prove a brilliant offering for the holidays, especially pleasing to visitors and the collegians home for the Yuletide, will transpire.

Opening at matinee tomorrow afternoon the Four Pickerts will hold the boards at the Wilmington playhouse all week, save Friday night, when the distinguished Russian emotional actress Mme. Nazimova, will appear in Ibsen's greatest triumph, "A Doll's House." Mme. Nazimova is one of the leading stars of the entire world, and is one of the foremost favorites on Broadway. She speaks English fluently, and the production here will be made the same as given with such signal success in New York. The same company will support the distinguished star. It will indeed be one of the most brilliant events of this or any other season and its importance should be deeply appreciated by all Wilmington theatre-goers, as it no doubt will be. It is also of interest to learn that Mme. Nazimova will only play two cities in North Carolina, Wilmington and Charlotte.

THE FOUR PICKERTS.

The Four Pickerts.

Tomorrow this well known organization will open at the Academy, and will present two performances, matinee and night. The attraction will prove a merry one and it is safe to forecast two "standing room only" audiences. The Pickefts are big favorites in Wilmington and are always greeted by large audiences. The engagement this week will hardly prove an exception, especially as this is holiday time. For the matinee a jolly farce comedy, "Out On a Lark," will be presented and between acts will be offered a long and clever string of vaudeville numbers. Tomorriw night the play will be the great modern success. 'His Majesty and the Maid," and for the use of which the company is paying royalty. In connection with this play will also be introduced a splendid programme of clever specialties. The vaudeville at both matinee and night will include a star novelty act by the Pickerts, headed by dainty clever Miss Blanche Pickert.

Popular prices are to prevail throughout the engagement. At matinee the prices will be 10 and 20 cents and at night 10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats for tomorrow night went on sale at Plummer's yesterday.

The Crystal Palace.

The new programme at the Palace this week consists of two excellent teams in comedy sketches, a change of pictures daily and illustrated songs. One of the opening act "A Surprise in Pink," will prove unusually attractive. There will be sufficient singing and dancing to vary the performances to please everyone. Special attention is called to the fact that the first show on Monday night begins promptly at 7:30. The matinees are at 2:30 and 3:30 and other than Monday and Saturday nights, shows begin at 8:15 and 9:15.

The Bijou Tomorrow.

The programme at the Bijou tomorrow will be featured with "Waiter No. 5," an excellent Biograph subject, telling a story of Russian despotism. Onother picture of decided interest will be "The Key of Life," a story of reincarnation.

SATA CLAUS AND PEOPLE.

Seasonable Time to Consider Rights and Privileges of Roads.

Wilmington. N. C., Dec. 25, 1910.

Editor Star:—At this season of greetings of "A merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year," our feelings are attuned to the festive occasion of good fellowship and good will to men. At this time, therefore, we are in better mood to put aside all prejudice and to reason among ourselves the employe with the employer and the governing officials with the governed.

The little child in its love for Santa Claus does not question the intrinsic value of his benefactions any more than it would stop to wrestle and wrangle over the stern proposition of the relationship of the immense cost of his superb transportation to the high quality service rendered.

The contribution of Mr. W. F. Jones in last Sunday's Star was a masterful treatise and should be carefully read and studied by all thinking men. As a step further in that direction it occurs to me as timely to review an editorial which appeared in the Washington, (D. C.), Post of February 15th, 1909, as follows:

"Valuation and Rates."

"A little consideration of the proposition for the valuation of railroads as a basis for fixing rates, suggests difficulties which require explanation. Admitting that the task of arriving at a valuation of railroad properties could be performed satisfactorily—a great admission—how would rates be adjusted on a valuation basis?

"Suppose two railroads ran through practically the same territory, with the same terminals, one of the railroads being capitalized at $10,000,000 and the other at $15,000,000. Suppose the Inter-State Commerce Commission should decide that each property is truly and fairly valued at its capitalization. How could rates be determined upon such valuation? The road worth $10,000.000 would be entitled to a fair return upon its investment, and no more. Would it be required to charge only two-thirds of the rates allowed to the other road? If so, the $15,000,000 road would not get any business.

"It is conceivable that there are railroads in the United States which are competitive, running through the same territory, one of which may be worth twice as much as the other on account of better terminals, more expensive trackage, better roadbed, and equipment, etc. The better roadbed may be worth $100,000,000 and be earning 5 per cent., while the other road, worth $50,000.000, may be earning only 3 per cent. on such a capitalization. Are these roads to charge different rates for identical service, in order that their returns may be just and reasonable? A reasonable rate on one road would be an insufficient return on the other. Rates, therefore would have to be different, if fixed on a basis of valuation. But if rates were different the public would patronize the low-rate road and the other would starve. Would it be sensible to expect a street railroad valued at $100,000 to carry a passenger for 1 cent, while a road valued at $50,000 would charge 5 cents? Which road would passengers patronize? If the $100,000 road were permitted to charge 5 cents, its revenue would be in excess of a reasonable return upon its valuation; and if the $50,000 road were forced to reduce rates to 1 cent, its property would be practically confiscated. Evidently there are other factors than valuation which enter into the matter of fixing equitable rates."

Everybody knows that the sale of transportation is the livelihood of a railroad and the railroad and its patrons are interdependent as to the amount and excellency of such service. For the excellency in the rendition of such service to the public, attained only after years of study the effects of costly improvements and the acquisition of modern equipment the railroad depends upon the high character, intelligence, long training and fitness of its employes and officials. It is just as natural for a railroad employe to be a wellwishero f the successful operations of his landlord's estate bearing the same analogous mutual relationhip as does the loyal clerk to the merchant, the merchant to his customer and the railroad, as a quasi-public corporation, to the municipality served and the section of country traversed.

It is inconceivable, therefore, that anybody should deny that the increased "cost of living" of the raolroad is and has been commensurate to that of the private citizen, laborer or the average commercial enterprise.

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THE HOLIDAYS IN ROBESON

Christmas Trade Good—Stranger Comes to Grief—Mrs. Wessell Dead—Railway Mail Clerks Change—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Christmas trade which came to a close today seems to nave been very satisfactory to all our merchants. Possibly the largest stocks of holiday goods were put on this market were handled this time and the people of the town and surrounding country have shown that they appreciate the large stocks of nice goods by purchasing liberally of the many lines offered. While the supply of liquor is fully up to former occasions, there has been very little disorder of any kind up to this time.

Last Sunday night when the train came in from Charlotte several men got off under the influence of liquor. Policeman Strange arrested one of them for being drunk and disorderly. It is charged that Oscar Eddards, who moved here some time ago from Wilmington, interfered with the officer and that it was necessary for the policeman to use his club on Edwards to convince him that he had gone too far. It has been published that the officer has been indicted for an assault and that the case had been set for a hearing on the 16th of January. This, we understand, is an error as no such indictment has been made, and there is no probability of any such action. When people think they can come here and run things to suit themselves they will very quickly find out their mistake while the present efficient police force is doing business for the town. Only a few nights ago a man by the name of Roderick, claiming to be from Wilmington, bodily swiped a suit case belonging to a gentleman who was waiting for the train to go to Wilmington. He had gotten over three blocks from the station when Chief Redfern took him in, and now he is spending the time in jail waiting for court. No town can boast of a better chief of police than Lumberton and his assistants are as good as any town or city one can select. The excellent order which has been maintained during the present week is proof positive of that fact.

It is a well known fact that the present Winter has been the severest up to date that has been experienced in many years, but how the railroad people expect a man or men to work in the union ticket office day and night with the temperature down as low as 20, one day after another without any provision for keeping warm, is a question many people have asked There is a stove flue in the office but no stove of any kind. No wonder some baggage checks are hard to read.

By some changes which have been made in the runs of the railway mail clerks on the Seaboard, Clerk Culbreth has been put on the run between Ashboro and Aberdeen and Clerk Fleming, who has been running between Charlotte and Lumberton on 44 and 45, has been changed to 39 and 40, between Hamlet and Wilmington. The change made leaves one man to do the work on 44 and 45 between Wilmington and Charlotte. It is said that the Republicans in power are now using their authority to show the people that expenses of operating the mail service can be reduced and in order to make that showing they are cutting off some men and working others to death.

Mrs. Frederika Katrina Dorothea Wessell, widow of the late Mr. Jacob Wessell, died Thursday morning at 2 o'clock at her home a short distance from town. Mrs. Wessell would have been 79 years old in January. She had been critically ill for several days and her death was expected. Mrs. Wessell was a native of Germany, her maiden name having been Capelmann. She had been a resident of Lumberton over 40 years, having moved with her husband to Lumberton in the latter sixties. Her husband was engaged in the saw mill business near the present family home. Mrs. Wessell leaves one son, Mr. Henry Wessell, and three daughters, Mrs. William Wilkins, of Florida, and Misses Rena and Julia Wessell. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains laid to rest in the Norment cemetery on Fifth street.

Sheriff McNeill received a letter one day this week from a gentleman in the upper end of the county enclosing a check to pay his State and county taxes for the year 1910, but the check was made payable to Bradley Johnson. It seems that by this time most people who pay taxes in this county would know who is the sheriff. Several people in this section know that there is a man of that name in Virginia who sells a lot of booze to a good many taxpayers in this county.

Mr. Paul Gilmore and his excellent company delighted one of the largest and most fashionable audiences of the season at the Lumberton opera house Wednesday night, presenting "The Bachelor." The weather was intensely cold but it will take something more than cold weather to keep Lumberton people at home when Mr. Gilmore comes to town The play was well received here and Mr. Gilmore can always count on a good audience when he comes to Lumberton. After the second act he was obliged to come out and say a few words to satisfy the audience. He promised them to come again.

The Pickert Stock Company began a two-night engagement here last night and although it was the night before Christmas eve and the weather was disagreeable, a good audience was present and thoroughly enjoyed one of the nicest plays that has been presented here this season. The Pickerts are Lumberton favorites and will always get the crowd when they come here. They leave tomorrow for Wilmington and after playing a week there will go to Florida, where they will be engaged until Spring. They have promised to play us a return date in the Spring. The company is composed of as fine a lot of people as has ever been here.

Mr. Perry S. Kornegay, of Warsaw and Miss Mary L. Earle, of Florence, S. C., were united in marriage at the Thompson Hospital in Lumberton last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The bride had just completed a three years' course in nursing. Mr. Kornegay is a traveling salesman with headquarters in Charlotte. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Baker, of Lynchburg, former pastor here.

A most unfortunate affair occurred here late yesterday evening when Sheriff E. C. McNeill and Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton Graded Schools, became involved in a personal encounter. We have not learned the exact cause of the trouble, but it is said that during a conversation Sheriff McNeill called Prof. Sentelle a "d—d liar." Prof. Sentelle is said to have told the sheriff that when a man called him that he had better say it with a smile on his face and told the sheriff further that he would like for him to take back the remark as he did not like to have such things said about him. The sheriff is said to have repeated the remark with much emphasis when Prof. Sentelle struck him a blow about the face. The sheriff started toward him when he struck the second blow, knocking the sheriff down. Both gentlemen are of the highest standing and have many friends who sincerely regret the occurrence.

The rain which began falling early last night still continues this morning, which will make the last Christmas shopping day very disagreeable for those who have waited until the last day to do their shopping.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co., is going to make its telephone subscribers in this section feel good Christmas by inaugurating Sunday service for part of the day, Sunday hours being from 8 to 10 A. M. and 3 to 5 P. M. Then the night operator will go on duty at 7 P. M. so that we will have night service all the time. Another important farmers' line will soon be connected with the Lumberton exchange. The line will be constructed by Mr. W. K. Culbreth and he has signed a contract to connect with the Bell company. It will be extended from Lumberton in the direction of Pembroke and when completed will furnish service to a large number of the leading farmers in the territory through which it will pass. Manager Branch states there is much activity among the farmers in their homes. He is daily receiving inquiries and states that the indications are that several new contracts will be signed for connection with the Lumberton exchange. The extension of telephone service to the farm is valuable to the merchant and business man in town, placing them in constant communication with an important element of their trade. There are a number of farmers' telephone lines in Robeson county and the progressive farmers are realizing the value and advantages of being in such close touch with their friends and neighbors and the business centres. The Southern Bell Telephone Co., is doing as much for the development of this section as any one agency we know of, if not more. It is expected that all-day Sunday service will be put on here in a short time.

We regret exceedingly to report the illness of Mr. W. J. Prevatt, who is confined to his home suffering from an attack of pneumonia.——The young people of Lumberton attending the different colleges in the State have arrived home during the week for the holidays.

Two hundred and fifty railroad tickets were sold here yesterday evening for Train 39 on the Seaboard. That indicates heavy Christmas travel. Seventy tickets were sold to Bladen shoppers for train 40, who came in this morning on No. 45.——Mr. R. McA. Nixon, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, left for Wilmington this morning to spend Christmas with friends.—The Seaboard section house located near the freight station, which was slightly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, was damaged again this week to the extent that no one can live in it until it has a new roof put on it. The old house seems to be doomed and it would seem that the best thing to do would be to let it burn and replace it with a new one.

EDIORIAL PARTY INVITED.

Wanted to Stop at Wadesboro Upon Trip From Winston-Salem.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. J. G. Boylin, wife of the editor of the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, has invited the North Carolina Press Association to arrange for a stop at Wadesboro when the association takes its excursion from Winston-Salem to Florence in January Mrs. Boylin is arranging for an informal reception to the members of the Association and their wives and friends to be held at her delightful home in Wadesboro and carriages and automobiles will be provided to convey the members of the party from the union passenger station to the Boylin home and back to the train. The invitation endorsed by the Retail Merchants' Association and the Wadesboro Wide-Awake Club was sent to Secretary Sherrill yesterday and the Wadesboro people unite heartily in the request that the association so arrange its schedule that the stop may be made in the metropolis of Anson. The understanding here is that the Association will pass through en route to Florence, S. C., and the stop here for possibly two hours would be a great pleasure to Wadesboro people who desire that the newspaper men of North Carolina have an opportunity of seeing the town.

ANOTHER NEW RAILROAD.

One to Connect Spray, N. C., With Northern Lines.

(Charlotte News, December 23.rd.)

At Richmond, Va., Thursday the Secretary of State asked for a charter for the North Carolina-Virginia Railway to be built from Spray, N. C., to Ridgeway, Va., a distance of ten or twelve miles. The promoters of the new enterprise are New Yorkers with the exception of Malcolm K. Harris, of the law firm of Harris & Harris, of Danville, is named as one of the directors. The principal offices of the new road is to be located at Ridgeway. It is supposed that the Legislature in session at Raleigh in January will be asked to grant a charter in this State for the road. The real promoters of this new road is the Marshall-Field Co., who recently bought the chain of cotton and woolen mills located at Spray and Leaksville, whose main object in building this short stretch of road is to get better railway connection north, south and west. The road will connect at Ridgeway with the Norfolk & Western and at Spray with a branch of the Southern out of Danville.

STIR AMONG RAILROADS.

Some Interesting Gossip at Charlotte Over New Developments of Significance.

(Charlotte News, December 23rd.)

"Unless there is some kind of a merger or agreement made between the great railway systems now operating in this section of the South we are to have good lively competition and it will be the road that gives the fastest schedules and the best service that gets the business after the proposed plans are put in working shape." This is the line of dope a party in The News office handed out to a reporter yesterday. You know, said he, up to about two years ago it was generally believed that the Southern, Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line had an "inside" agreement (and it was never denied to keep away from each other's business and the three had all they could take care of, but the C., C. & O. butted in and caused this "agreement" to be canceled. Then it was things began to happen. Up in Virginia the Virginia Railway built by Rodgers of the Standard Oil, cut across the N. & W.'s field giving a direct line from the coal fields to the coast at Norfolk. This made the N. & W. sit up and take notice. A short time after the Atlantic Coast Line and N. & W., (both owned and controlled, it is said, by the great Pennsylvania system), agreed, jointly, to build the Winston-Salem Southbound connecting their two lines and making a direct trunk line from Cincinnati to Charleston and a rumor has been floating for sometime that leaked out a few months ago that the Southern had serveyors and "timber" buyers ou between North Wilkesboro and Bristol getting the lay of the land with a view to extending the Wilkesboro branch of the Southern so as to get direct connection with its lines at Bristol. It was also round-house talk that the Southern had under consideration a proposed line from Danville to Winston-Salem so as to swing its main line this way to shorten the mileage and quicken its trains to the South. Now comes the new Virginia-Carolina, chartered Thursday from Spray to Ridgeway, Va., to connect with the N. & W. and make more competition for the Southern. When the interburban gets its lines working in the Carolinas there is going to be something ding in this section. Already the Southern has given notice that it wil inaugurate a through train from Charleston via Spartanburg, Asheville and Knoxville to Cincinnati to be known as the "Carolina Special," a train that it has had in mind for several years, but it has only recently decided it was time to put it in operation only since the Winston-Salemn Southbound has been completed and made a direct line and proposes to inaugurate a similar train just as soon as its tracks are put in shape to do so. It looks very much like a new era is dawning and unless I am fooled or some agreement is reached between these great systems the South and this section will come into her own and instead of having to take any kind of service that the roads choose to give them, these roads will maintain traffic bureaus and will have representatives calling on the manufacturers and jobbers soliciting business and making extra efforts to route shipments over their lines. I believe, too, that if Charlotte would go after it in the right way and make an effort that the A. C. L. and N. & W. would build into the city from some nearest point on the new Southbound.

Whether the News informant is correct in all predictions or not it remains a fact that movements in railway circles the past two years seem to bear him out and that a "new era is dawning" and great industrial developments are at hand and will materialize within the next year or two and Charlotte is geographically located to be the hub.

XMAS SPIRIT AT BURGAW.

Students—Mass Meeting for Roads—Farm Sale and Other News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 24.—Every train brings further evidence of Christmas. Boys and girls at college, teachers and others engaged elsewhere, are coming in for the holidays, while also on every train from Virginia comes loads of the sparkling, yuletide booze. There is little or no drunkenness, however, at least on the streets.

One of the biggest things in Pender in years will be the mass meeting for good roads here the second Monday in January. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and Hon. H. B. Varner have both accepted invitations and will be present to address the citizens of Pender. This is one of the most important questions now before the people and, weather permitting, a big crowd will no doubt be present.

There will be a big sale of farms near Burgaw Friday and Saturday. This is the first auction sale of farms ever held in the county or in this section of the State, and is the biggest land sale ever held in Pender county. About 50 ten-acre farms will be sold to the highest bidder for one-fourth cash and balance on easy terms. About 40 of these lots are located near Rhyne cross roads and is exceptionally high class soil. These will be sold Friday, December 30th. The other ten farms are located about four miles east of Burgaw adjoining lands of Mrs Lizzie Player. Free lemonade, money shower and brass band will keep the crowd in good humr. Wagons will be provided for prospective purchasers and these will leave Burgaw at 10 o'clock for the sale grounds.

Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., was the recipient Friday of a beautiful Christmas present from his employes as an expression of their appreciation for his many personal kindnesses to them This token of esteem came as a surprise to Mr. Croom who really did not know what the assemblage of his employes in his office meant. The presentation was made by Mr. L. L. Motte, whose happy remarks will long be cherished by Mr. Croom as coming from the very heart of his employes.

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CHRISTMAS ON THE PLANTATION

By ELBERT J. LEE.

IN the antebellum days the negroes enjoyed a whole week of rest at Christmas time. Now that they are hired hands instead of slaves they cling to this privilege, refusing to work while the holiday spirit is in the air. This means that Christmas lasts a week. Every negro—man, woman and pickaninny—makes the most of the week, and the fun runs high. On many plantations the negroes are almost as much a part of the "plant" as they were during slavery. They have the feeling that, inasmuch as they belong to the place the rest of the year, the place belongs to them for the holiday week, and they take advantage of the opportunity to do as they please.

For weeks in advance the holidays are anticipated with joy, though not with any great degree of preparation. The plantation negro, generally speaking, lets tomorrow take care of itself. But some of the more provident ones begin to store up for Christmas. The fattest pumpkin is picked up from the corn rows and put away for pie material. The turkey gobbler in the back yard is fattened for the occasion. Old Aunty hides her jars of preserves from the younger generation. Uncle Ike becomes a confederate in the happy conspiracy for saving things to augment the Christmas spread.

Christmas morning the negro children are up bright and early. There is method in their early rising. From time immemorial southern people, both white and black, have cherished the belief that there is much virtue in being the first to shout "Christmas gift!" in meeting a friend on the morning of the great day. In some sections this priority of greeting is expected to result in the forfeit of a gift from the other party. Accordingly the little negroes make a point of running up to the big plantation house and greeting the white people with a lusty "Christmus gif!" in the hope of receiving at least a big red apple, a fresh baked pie or a stick of striped candy such as the general store on the plantation is sure to keep in stock.

The best fiddler on the plantation is the hardest worked man of all, but he enjoys every scrape of his bow, while the dance goes merrily on. The Christmas dance is a continued story. It begins Christmas eve and continues every night in the week. If the weather is not too cold the big barn floor is cleared for the dance, but if heat is required the "function" takes place in the biggest room of the biggest negro house on the place, with a roaring fire in the fireplace and plenty of cheer on the kitchen table, both solid and liquid.

Christmas week is spent in visiting. The negroes go from cabin to cabin on their own plantation, or they hitch up the work mule or steers and visit friends on a neighboring plantation. Everywhere the Christmas spirit prevails. If one family is short of this world's cheer another family is glad to share its own. The Christmas spirit on a cotton plantation is much more in evidence than in a prosperous white folks' town.

TRAGIC CHRISTMAS DAYS.

World's Greatest Holiday Has Often Been Reddened by Blood.

Christmas, which should be and usually is the merriest day of all the year, has sometimes been reddened by bloodshed and blackened by tragedy.

One of the most barbarous of the persecutions against the Christians was begun by Diocletian on Christmas day, A. D. 303, when a church in Nicodemia, filled with Christians, was ordered by him to be set on fire. Every way of egress was barred, and not a single worshiper escaped the flames.

Yuletide in 1066 was a melancholy time in England, which nevertheless always celebrated it with the utmost eagerness, for Harold, the last of the Saxons, had fallen before the Norman conqueror, and on Dec. 25 of that year William the Conqueror was crowned in Westminster abbey. The occasion was signalized by the slaughter of a huge crowd of Anglo-Saxons outside of the church through a mistaken idea that they had risen in revolt.

Exactly two years later there was an uprising of the malcontents in the northern counties who hoped to throw off the Norman yoke. William marched in person against the rebels and directed a universal slaughter. His men surprised several garrisons and put them to the sword. Neither age nor sex was spared, and every house in the disaffected regions was razed to the ground. It is said that over 100,000 men, women and children perished on Dec. 25, 1068.

It was on Christmas day in the year 1170 that Thomas a Becket, the greatest English cleric of his day, ascended the cathedral pulpit at Canterbury and preached what may be called his own funeral sermon. The words he made use of so angered Henry II. that he let fall those fatal words: "If anybody loved me he would rid me of this turbulent priest."

Four knights took him at his word, and on Dec. 29 they slew the prelate before the altar of St. Benedict in the northern transept of Canterbury cathedral.

On Dec. 25, 1334, John Wycliffe died as he was about to preach his Christmas sermon.

One of the saddest Christmases known in London was that of the year 1663. The great plague had stricken the city, and the people were dying at the rate of 1,000 a day.

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SANTA CLAUS OF THE WOOD.

NOT as he comes, with clashing bells,
To children that are wise and good—
The Santa Claus that trims the trees
Of Christmas in the wood;
Not in a single night he loads
The boughs with gift and cradle here.
Ah, no; to trim the forest tree
He labors all the year.

The summer tarried while he hung
The bauble balls of silk and spore
Upon the bosom of the ash
And silver sycamore.
The autumn lingered while he wove
The silver fibers and the floss
Of gold and amber in the lap
And apron of the moss.

THE FLOSS OF GOLD AND AMBER.

He wrought with sap and wind and rain
While summer suns were rich and raw,
Then strung his beads of crimson fire
About the fruited haw.
And, tendril tied, he hung the grape
From bough to bough—a high trapeze
For circus antics of the squirrel,
The gymnast of the trees.

His Christmas carol is the hymn
Of winter birds that pipe and sing,
His goody-gifts the promised sweet
Of maples in the spring,
His little ark a fallen leaf
That tipples down the crystal stair
Of sylvan brooks, his toy balloon
A snowflake in the air.

SLIPPING DOWN AN ANCIENT HOLLOW TREE

Nor marvel where the chimney place
To ease his coming chance to be—
The rogue—behold him slipping down
An ancient hollow tree!
December's gifts and gifts for May
He leaves; then ere he passes by
He begs a match from night and lights
The candles of the sky!

—Aloysius Coll in Ladies' World.

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.

Thoughts of Which It Has Long Been Emblematic.

The mistletoe boughs and sprigs bring again to mind the superstitions regarding this curious parasite.

For many generations after the last Druid was dust the mistletoe had its votaries. The plant had almost every medicinal property, according to early physicians. It was believed to be a remedy for ills, physical, mental and sentimental. In pagan days it was dedicated to Oiwen, the Celtic Venus, and through the ages the plant and the tender passion were rather intimately intwined. Kissing beneath it began so far back in history that no one has ever attempted to trace the custom to its youth.

The Druids, in common with almost all primitive men, had a deep reverence for the idea of the trinity—the number three. The white berries of the mistletoe are often found in groups of three, and this circumstance as well as the fact that the berries ripen at the sacred season, although they flower with apple blossoms and wild roses, must have impressed them. At all events, the white boughs were gathered near the end of the year and played an important part in the ceremonies of December.

The Druids did not regard all mistletoe with reverence, or at least they did not gather it in their ceremonies from any tree except the oak, which was their sacred tree. Now the mistletoe almost never grows on oak trees. In England, the continent of Europe and in America the pretty parasitic growth the Viscum album of the botanists, is found growing on apple trees, willows, larches, sycamores, poplars, elms and many other trees, but very rarely on oak trees.

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	42	48		*Daily.	49	41	
	*7 00pm	*8 40am	Lv..	....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
	10 05pm	11 37am	Ar.	.....Goldsboro.....Lv.	2 59pm	6 40am	
	11 00pm	12 36pm	Ar.	.....Wilson.....Lv.	1 52pm	5 49am	
	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar.	.....Rocky Mount .....Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	2 15am	4 55pm	Ar.	.....Weldon.....Lv.	11 30am	3 25am	
	4 00am	7 05pm	Ar.	.....Petersburg.....Lv.	9 13am	1 40am	
	4 40am	8 00pm	Ar.	.....Richmond.....Lv.	8 15am	1 00am	
	8 00am	11 50pm	Ar.	.....Washington.....Lv.	4 20am	9 40pm	
	9 16am	1 15am	Ar.	.....Baltimore.....Lv.	2 50am	8 20pm	
	11 35am	3 10am	Ar.	....West Philadelphia....Lv.	12 19am	5 44pm	
	1 31pm	5 40am	Ar.	....Manhattan Tr. (a)..Lv.	9 50pm	3 58pm	
	1 50pm	b5 50am	Ar.	.....NEW YORK..... Lv.	*9 30pm	*3 38pm	

(7th Ave. & 32nd St.)

(a)—Connections made at Manhattan Transfer with trains to and from Jersey City and thence with Desbrosses or Cortlandt street ferries and with Hudson River Terminal tubes to and from lower New York City.
b—Sleeper may be occupied until 7:30 A. M.

48 and 49—Pullman parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.

42 and 41—Pullman Broiler buffet sleeping cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains with Pullman service.

	42	48		*Daily.	49	41	
	*7 00am	*8 40am	Lv.	... WILMINGTON ... Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar.	.. .. Rocky Mount .. .. Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	3 30am	1 20pm	Lv.	.. .. Rocky Mount .. .. Ar.	12 55pm	10 25pm	
	4 18am	2 05pm	Ar.	... ... Turboro ... ... Lv.	12 18pm	9 58pm	
	8 00am	5 55pm	Ar.	... NORFOLK ... ... Lv.	*8 15am	*620pm	

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	55	51		*Daily.	50	54	
	*3 15pm	*5 45am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm	
	7 25pm	9 30am	Ar.	.....Florence.....Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am	
	2 25am	3 25pm	Ar.	.....Charleston.....Lv.	4 37pm	5 25am	
	2 25am	3 30pm	Ar.	.....Savannah.....Lv.	12 05pm	12 25am	
	11 55am	2 20am	Ar.	.....Albany.....Lv.	1 25am	1 55pm	
	9 40am	1 45am	Ar.	.....Thomasville.....Lv.	2 05am	2 05pm	
	5 50pm	8 50am	Ar.	.....Montgomery.....Lv.	6 50pm	6 05am	
	7 15am	8 00pm	Ar.	.....JACKSONVILLE.....Lv.	7 30am	7 55pm	
	2 05pm	2 16am	Ar.	.....Sanford, Fla.....Lv.	1 35am	2 55pm	
	7 00pm	7 00am	Ar.	.....TAMPA.....Lv.	9 00pm	10 30am	
	8 55pm	8 00am	Ar.	...ST. PETERSBURG....Lv.	8 15pm	6 45am	
	10 20pm	1 05pm	Ar.	.....FORT MYERS.....Lv.	*3 00pm	*6 45am	

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55	51		*Daily.	32-50	54
*3:15pm	*5 45am	Lv.	....WILMINGTON..... ....Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm
7 25pm	9 30am	Ar.	.....Florence.....Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am
9 20pm	11 15am	Ar.	.....Sumter.....Lv.	5 55pm	7 40am
11 10pm	12 50pm	Ar.	.....COLUMBIA.....Lv.	4 10pm	6 00am
9 25am	.....	Ar.	.....AUGUSTA.....Lv.	2 30pm	.....
11:50pm	1 10pm	Lv	.... COLUMBIA, Sou. Ry. .. Ar	2 30pm	4 40am
5 30am	7 40pm	Ar.	..... Saluda...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	8 45am	10 25pm
6 00am	8 15pm	Ar.	.....Hendersonville...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	8 05am	9 50pm
7 00am	9 15pm	Ar.	.....ASHEVILLE Sou. Ry..... Lv.	7 00am	8 50pm
7 20pm	.....	Ar.	.....Knoxville...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	*1 35am	7 40am
8 40am	.....	Ar.	.....Louisville...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	.....	8 00am
8 00am	.....	Ar.	.....CINCINNATI Q. & C..... Lv.	.....	*8 10pm

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57	51	55	*Dly.	‡Dly. Ex. Sun.	xSun only.	54	50	58
7 30pm	*5 45am	*3 15pm	Lv.	..... WILMINGTON. ...Ar.		11 40pm	8 30am	
9 15pm	7 28am	5 09pm	Ar.	..... CHADBOURN ...Lv.		*11 40am	*9 56pm	6 25am
10 10pm	‡11 50am	x5 15pm	Lv.	..... CHADBOURN. ...Ar.		7 10am	5 00pm	6 15am
11 45pm.	1 30pm	6 45pm	Ar.	..... CONWAY.....	Lv.	x5 40am	3 30pm	14 30am

61	53	*Daily.	‡Daily ex. Sun	60	52
16 30pm	*8 45am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....	Ar.	10 15am	8 05pm
9 45pm	11 45am	Ar.	.....Fayetteville.....	Lv.	7 10am	4 50pm
9 45pm	12 10pm	Lv.	.....Fayetteville.....	Ar.	6 30am	4 45pm
11 10pm	1 40pm	Ar.	.....SANFORD.....	Lv.	15 05am	*3 30pm

62	64	*Daily.	‡Daily Except Sunday.	63	65
*3 25pm	5 50am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....	Ar.	12 50pm	6 50pm
5 22pm	7 42am	Ar.	.....Jacksonville, N. C.....	Lv.	10 55am	4 55pm
6 44pm	9 10am	Ar.	.....Nor. & Sou. Junction.....	Lv.	9 35am	3 35pm
6 50pm	9 15am	Ar.	..... NEWBERN, N. C.....	Lv.	*9 30am	13 30pm

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8:30	9:15
10:00	10.45
11:30	12:15
1:00 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
2:00	2:45
3:00	3:45
3:30	4:45
4:30	5:15
5:30	6:25
6:10	6:50
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15
10:00	10:45
SUNDAYS.	
8:30 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
9:30	10:15
10:00	10:45
11:30	12:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	1:45
2:00 and every half hour until	2:45 and every half hour until
5:30	6:45
6:10	6:25
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15
10:00	10:45

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Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville:
Week Days: 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
Sundays: 8:30, 9:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:00, 230, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington:
Week Days: 6:20, 7:30 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:55, 5:25, 6:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:55, 11:30 P. M.
Sundays: 9:25, 10:25, 10:55, A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:55, 11:30 P. M.

GOLF LINKS.

Leave Wilmington for Golf Links:
Week Days: 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:50, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30.

Leave Golf Links for Wilmington:
Week days: 6:35, 7:35, 8:15, 8:55, 9:55, 11:15, 12:45, 2:15, 2:55, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 5:45, 6:35, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15, 11:45.

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Lv. Durham	7:00 a m	5:20 p m
Lv. Lynchburg	2:35 p m	2:30 a m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Columbus	5:48 a m	7:05 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
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Sunday, December 25, 1910.

The Southern States are getting so prosperous they have quit fighting the railroads on general principles, and now regard the railroads as real developers of the country.

The State Department at Washington has decided that Americans can own land in Panama. In all probability Americans already own the best of it and the State Department is only adding assurance of their titles.

A dispatch says a Pittsburg woman used a pistol in a regular "hold up" to get money for Christmas. There are hundreds of them all over the land who could have told her how to accomplish the same purpose without bothering with a gun.

A few days ago North Adams, Mass. voted on the wet and dry proopsition. the vote cast being 1,479 dry to 1,478 wet. The city went wet last year by 158 majority and this year saloons go out of commission with only one majority deciding their fate,

Says the Atlanta Journal: "Macon's mayor says that he intends to stop the sale of intoxicating liquors in that enterprising city." Macon is a prohibition city. If her mayor can do what he declares he will do, cities throughout several "dry" States will be glad to profit by his method of procedure.

A Missouri man, 90 years of age, claims that he lived with his wife about 71 years and never quarrelled with her or told her a lie. After all, he made that record because he had the right sort of a wife. The average man doesn't quarrel so very much but if anybody tries to corner him it is only throwing a stumbling block in the way of veracity.

When Congress took a recess for the holidays last Wednesday, the fight between New Orleans and San Francisco for Congressional favor as to the selection of the Panama Canal Exposition City, was warm to the finish. At the last moment New Orleans had a fit coming to it when San Francisco played Santa Claus by presenting every member of Congress a bottle of California's famous grape brandy and a box of California oranges. It is feared that an argument like that is too much for the average Congressman.

Christmas is here again. In tradition it is a season of good cheer. In fact, it is an anniversary festival occasion which dawns with the world's affairs and events occuring as usual on other days—fraught with merriment and feasting, happiness for others, bereavement and sadness for some, and woes and tragedies incident to every day life and too often peculiarly incidental to Christmas itself. Whatever the day may bring to the Star's wide circle of friends, it presents the compliments of the season, wishing them merriment, happiness and the consolations as they fall to the lot of each.

There seems to be trouble ahead when Congress reassembles in January. Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, will do his best with his resolution to force a vote on a rule to bring the records of the Ballinger investigation before Congress. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, refuses to join in the white-washing of Senator Lorimer, and will be joined by others who will make it warm for the Senators who voted to white-wash the Illinois Senator who is charged with bribery in the alleged purchase of his seat. Last but not least, Representative Rainey will try to force action upon his resolution to investigate Col. Roosevelt's railroad expenses while he was President.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO.

The Laurinburg Exchange, in an interesting article referring to Scotland county emphasizes what the Star has often asserted—that the opportunities for profitable agriculture in eastern North Carolina are greater than those in any other portion of the country. The Exchange first refers to the splendid record made by Robeson county, which the census gives something like 60,000 inhabitants, and they must be industrious and thrifty people, too, for the county produces annually 60,000 bales of cotton—a bale of the fleecy staple to each man, woman and child of the county. Besides that big cotton crop, the people of Robeson produce large crops of fine tobacco, corn and other products which greatly increase the agriculture per capita production in Robeson. Furthermore, Lumberton, the county seat, and Maxton one of the county's enterprising towns have flourishing coton mills, cotton seed oil mills, and other industries, while such thrifty towns as Red Springs, Rowland, Fairmont and other small places are making steady progress. There is no wonder that there is prosperity in a county of such splendid resources as Robeson, but it must be said for her that a large amount of that prosperity has been created by the enterprise of her citizens who have recognized the importance of manufacturing and thus have diversified the industries of the county. There is no finer county in North Carolina, but there are others, and the new county of Scotland is one of them. That young county also has established a fine record, as we may judge from the following, said by the Laurinburg Exchange:

"Scotland county has something more than 15,000 people within her borders. The farmers of the county have made a little more than 26,000 bales of cotton, a little more than one and two-thirds bales for each man, woman and child in the county. The average bale of cotton this year, counting the seed, was worth about $80.00. This would give a total value for the cotton crop of Scotland county for this year upward of the sum of $2,080,000.00. When we add to this the value of the melon and cantaloupe crop for the county, the net returns from which we were about one-quarter million dollars, we have the sum of $2,330,000.00 or more. This divided among the 15,000 inhabitants of the county gives $162.00 per capita for the entire population of the county. This from the two money crops, melons and cantaloupes and cotton, not counting any grain, hay, pork, etc., of which every farmer raised his supply."

The records in Scotland and Robeson counties show that their people are "living and boarding at the same place." It must be remembered that only the money crops are taken any account of in this article, but the probability is that the bountiful food crops grown in each county are sufficiently large to make the people practically independent as a whole, while there are hundreds of the thrifty people of both counties who are accumulating wealth.

Robeson and Scotland's achievements in the production show what people can do in this county. Similar lands exist all through eastern North Carolina and thrifty people can do with them what the prosperous people of those two counties have done. More money crops and more food crops can be grown in eastern North Carolina than in any other part of the country, and for that reason the Star always has contended that a man can make a living easier in eastern North Carolina than he can in any other agricultural land on the face of the earth.

TEN DOLLARS A PLATE.

To be "a real Democrat and mix with the hig-wo-muck-a-mucks at the great Democratic conclave and banquet at Baltimore, January 17th, will cost your passage to Baltimore, expenses while there and a ten dollar banquet fee. The committee has made arrangements to entertain 1,200 guests and tickets to the banquet will be issued by General Vandiver at the price of $10 a plate.

It is estimated that the Baltimore committee of arrangements will have to raise $12,000 to carry out the Democratic conclave programme, but it is expected that $6,000 will be received from banquet tickets. If a Democrat expects to be known as the real thing he will show up at that Baltimore banquet. It doesn't make any difference what it costs, ambitious Democrats are going there to be counted among the 1,200 leaders of the militant Democracy. A dollar a plate dinner would look more Democratic than this terrapin and duck banquet, but it must be remembered that there are as prosperous Democrats as there are plutocratic Republicans.

Merry Christmas!

The Maxton Scottish Chief is again strictly up to the minute with one of the handsomest Christmas editions it has been our pleasure to see this year. The covers of both the main edition and a supplement of many pages, all well filled with readable matter, are brightly done in colors and reflect beautifully the Christmas spirit. Our good friend, Mr. Harker, was never in better trim than now and when it comes to enterprise and progress he has his brethren of the North Carolina press "skint a whole city block."

CO-OPERATIVE STREET MAKING.

An editorial in the Atlanta Journal induces us to suggest co-operation of property owners in street making. The Journal states that "one of the most timely and useful movements of the day is the organization of Forsythe street property-owners for the purpose of developing that thoroughfare in accordance with its own and the communitie's needs.

Many of Atlanta's streets have been developed along metropolitan lines and in that thrifty city there are numerous sky-scrapers, handsome business structures and splendid modern paving, all giving them a decidedly metropolitan aspect. Property-owners have taken advantage of the location of such streets to make investments and build the modern Atlanta. The buildings of the pioneer days of the city have given way to metropolitan establishments, but tnere are other streets which have not kept pace with the prominent thoroughfares which have been so wonderfully developed

Forsythe street is one of these streets which was not keeping pace with the other streets, so the owners of property on that street organized to promote the development of Forsythe Street. Only a few years ago that street was lined with shade trees and dotted with houses that told of Atlanta's pioneer days, but now it is one of the city's busiest channels of traffic and commerce because the property owners erected handsome buildings, improved the street, attracted business establishments and while thus improving the street they increased the value of their property as a whole.

The idea which we hope to impress is that property owners along any street in Wilmington, or in any other city, will find it to their advantage to co-operate in beautifying or making a better street out of any street to which united attention is paid. One improvement on a street always calls for others, but when it is done by an organized movement of property owners the development is more rapid and the results immediate

As modern improvements increase the value of properties and all property owners share in the benefit, the co-operative idea is a good one. We like the organized labor movement of property owners, for the purpose of developing thoroughfares and we hope to see some of it in Wilmington.

JACKSON DAY CELEBRATION.

The Star acknowledges with pleasure and thanks for a formal invitation to attend the Jackson Day National Celebration in Baltimore, January 17th. We have heretofore on several occasions referred to this prospective gathering of the Democrats from all over the Repubuic and we are sure it will be a notable and auspicious event. The invitation is handsomely engraved and reads as follows:

The Jackson Day National Democratic Celebration Committee
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Murray Vandiver,
Treasurer of Maryland.
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See all the other cities first, but finally bring your laurels to be placed on the brow of Winsome Wilmington.

Congress has quit doing nothing till January 5th. The Congressmen will be at home spending Christmas and New Year.

The man in the moon is probably the ice man who has isolated himself while the coal man is getting even with him for his Summer monopoly.

Congress failed to handle Senator Lorimer with "gloves off." There are several things of which Congress fights shy even in the handling of them with tongs.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It may all depend on just how many pauper counties the forty-odd self-supporting counties can keep going.—Durham Herald.

When a man amounts to much in any other State he has reason to suspect that he descended from North Carolina ancestry.—Wilmington Star. And it is often the case that he was born in North Carolina. It has always been a puzzling question why a man has to move away from North Carolina to amount to much.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

A week ago The State for the second time suggested to the three great railway systems operating through South Carolina—the Southern, the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line—the wisdom of contributing twelve or fifteen thousand a year for three [illegible] to a fund for advertising South Carolina in the West and East, and asking the Legislature to increase that fund to $35,000 a year. At this writing no official of either of the three railway systems named has indicated a leaning toward the suggestion, but the industrial agent of another important road running through several States writes: "Your editorial of the 17th instant: 'Opportunity Knocks,' was was most timely and convincing." Will the roads and the commonwealth admit opportunity?—Columbia State.

Throughout the country, and the Southern country at large, are increasing evidence of prosperity among the farmers. Dwellings are being painted, barns and other out-houses are being repaired and strengthened up and best of all there are surplus bales of cotton piled in the back yard. Cotton is different from most other farm products, and that it is not perishable. The banks suffer by loss of deposits in consequence of the farmers' fashion of carrying his annual surplus wealth in the form of cotton in his back yard. If the value of this cotton could be carried in the banks in the form of deposits, it would make an important item for the finances of the South. Here in Mecklenburg the progress is particularly conspicuous. With painted houses, graded and macadam roads, corn in the crib, cotton in the back yard, children at school, the farmer should be entirely happy—the more so as the conditions seem to promise to continue for an indefinite time.—Charlotte Chronicle.

It was noted in the Chronicle a few days ago, that the school books of North Carolina children are selected by non-professionals. The State Board of Education is made up of good men—Kitchin, Newland, Joyner, Grimes, Lacy, Wood and Bickett—but the point is made that with one exception, they are not school teachres. The next Legislature will probably be called on to revise the personnel of the board, and the Raleigh Times seems to be heading the movement. "Our proposition," says this paper, "is that these officials, although the best in the land, are not the men to select our text-books, because, with one exception, they are not practical school men, and therefore, cannot give the time and thought necessary to the proper selection of the books for our State schools. Our proposition is that the law be revised so as to give us a text-book commission composed of the State Superintendent of Education at the head, and then select a number of practical teachers from all sections of the State who are familiar with the needs of the children and the various schools and let them select the books, not every five years as we now have the law, but every year, if in their wisdom a book is found to be unsatisfactory and useless." This seems to be a good suggestion. It stands to reason that the teacher's job. We hope The Times teachers job. We hope The Times will succeed in bringing about the change.—Charlotte Chronicle.

TRAINS BY TELEPHONE.

Experiment Seems to Have Been Successful on Coast Line.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—That the Atlantic Coast Line likes the telephone train despatching system which has been at work for this company between Richmond and this city for the past eight or ten months is evidenced by the fact that a force of linemen have already completed an additional line of 172 miles along the main line of the company between this city and Florence, S. C. The force of linemen has already completed the construction and the men who are installing the instruments in the many stations between here and Florence, are now at a point below Fayetteville, and the heavy Christmas travel and freight over this part of the 'short cut' is being handled over the telephone and the lines are working between Richmond and Fayetteville. According to a statement from a person who is in an excellent position to observe their workings the lines are certainly doing their share to relieve and take care of the congestion of the Christmas travel which always occurs.

It is expected that this dispatching of trains by telephone will be in service over the main line of the first division of the company well before the coming year, and their use, it is expected, will materially relieve the congestion of trains at certain places and greatly facilitate the despatching over the entire system. The line from Richmond to this city was put into operation more as an experiment than anything else, and it has proven a "glad hand" to both dispatchers and persons who are connected with the handling of trains. The best commendation of the work over the Richmond division, is evident in the fact that the Fayetteville district has been similarly equipped. Heretofore, a telephone dispatcher has only been on duty at Richmond, however with a cutaing through to Florence, ther will be a telephone dispatcher stationed in this city at the booth which will be located in the dispatchers office upstairs over the passenger station.

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TEACHEY'S VICTORIOUS.

State High School in Debate With Institution at Burgaw.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Teacheys, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Teachey's State High School auditorium was packed with an enthusiastic crowd last night, who listened with intense interest to the debate between Teachey's High School and Burgaw State High School on the question: Resolved, That the downfall of the United States Government is reasonably certain." The affirmative was championed by the Burgaw representatives, Messrs. Cutler Moore and Charne Hearn; the negative by Teachey's representatives, Messrs. Leo Carr and Ward. C. Blanchard.

The affirmative led off with an able and spirited speech by Cutler Moore, who labored to convince the judges that the final downfall of our government is reasonably certain, but his logic and eloquence was utterly routed by the wit, eloquence and unanswerable argument of his opponent, Leo Carr. Then came Charles Hearn who, realizing that the victory depended upon his effort, fought with the enthusiasm and daring which is inspired only by a fight of desperation. But he, too, like his colleague, fell before the eloquent, logical unanswerable and convincing argument of Ward C. Blanchard.

Then came a rejoinder of ten minutes each. Teachey's proved invincible, never having suffered defeat in debate. Though Burgaw was defeated, it was a hard fought battle on both sides. The boys won honor for themselves and reflected credit on their schools. Prof. Patrick M. Williams is principal of the Teachey's School.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It's the best medicine I ever sa wor heard of." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Robt. R. Bellamy.

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THE HIGHER COST OF LIVING

A New Kind of "Railroad Farming" Reaching the Farmers in Their Own Homes—What is Being Done.

New York, Dec. 24.—Students of the cost of living problem all agree upon one fact, that the preponderant growth of the population in cities, as compared with country districts, must bear a large share of the responsibility for high prices. Every youth who leaves his fathers farm, to become a stenographer or clerk or salesman, increases by so much the number of consumers and decreases the number of producers of food. He is stimulating demand and reducing supply—and thereby helping to bring high prices.

"Railroad farming"—the establishment of agricultural departments by the railroads—is one of the principal agencies now at work to counteract this tendency to migrate to the cities. Decreased production of any commodity means decreased tonnage, and that means decreased railroad earnings. Hence it is sound business for the companies to take positive steps to encourage farming—to show that it can be made both profitable and pleasant by the aid of modern science.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad's work in this direction has attracted widespread attention, because of the practical plan that the company has adopted. The farmer is reached at his own home—he does not have to travel miles to some "experimental farm." And, whenever he wants it, he can get information as to his own land and how it should be treated. This is no "book farming," full of plausible theories—it is the real thing.

Farmer, Not Railroad Man.

In employing F. R. Stevens as Agriculturist, the Lehigh Valley did not get a railroad man. It got a farmer. When Mr. Stevens talks to a gathering of farmers he says to them at the outset:

"If you want to know anything about freight rates, or the operations of trains, or the building of locomotives, or anything else of that kind, don't ask me. I don't know any more of those things than you do. I am a farmer. I've devoted my life to learning about the soil, crops, fertilizers, dairying ,and other such subjects, and I propose to continue the occupation."

The Agriculturist was connected, for several years, with the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, and it was from there that he was taken by the Lehigh Valley. As a great deal of his present work has been done in that section of the State, he is still in close touch with the Station. And the State officials co-operate with him in spreading knowledge of agriculture throughout the Lehigh Valley territory.

All the farmer has to do, when he needs advice, is to notify the agent at the nearest station of the company. The agent will write or wire to Mr .Stevens, and the Agriculturist will put the inquirer on his calling list. It may be a day, two days, or a week, before he gets around to this farmer, for he has to cover a great deal of ground. But as soon as he can he will come, discuss the matter thoroughly, perhaps make a test of the soil, and suggest a course to be followed.

The superiority of this plan over the "experimental farm" is soon apparent. The farm stays in one place; comparatively few farmers eager for information are able to visit it. Even if they can make the trip, the soil of the "experimental farm" may be quite different from their own. The bulletins issued may touch their own conditions—and may not. But the idea behind the Lehigh Valley's visiting plan is that every farm is an individual problem. In a way the expert's visit is like that of a physician; he asks questions, learns the 'symptoms," and gives a prescription that he thinks is called for by the particular case.

Through Snow With Horse and Buggy

The writer was invited, not long ago, to spend the day with the Agriculturist on the road.

"Its been snowing lately," it was explained, "so we can't use the automobile. The roads are muddy. We'll get a buggy instead."

The farming expert drew a little piece of paper from his pocket and examined it carefully. It contained the names of the men who had asked him to visit them. It was necessary first to map out a route, so as to reach all on the list without wasting time. Mr. Stevens and I started from Ithaca and got off the train at the little village of Locke, on the Auburn Division. Winter had come too early this year, and there were several inches of snow on the ground.

At the first stopping place a robust looking farmer came out of his barn to greet us. He was one who had decided to plant alfalfa and wanted to know which of his fields to select for it.

"Well, we'll have a look around, and find out," said the Agriculturist. He took from the floor of the buggy something that looked like a huge map rolled tight. This proved to be the wrapping of a monster augur. When three of us had trudged a hundred yards or so, through the snow, to the middle of the big field, Mr. Stevens twisted the augur down into the ground four or five inches and then pulled it out again, with the moist earth clinging to the threads. He fingered the earth and looked at it with a critical eye.

"This seems to be stony ground." He twisted the augur down deeper and brought up more of the soil. The performance was repeated in three or four other spots. "I'm afraid that won't do," Mr. Stevens finally decided. "Suppose we try the field over there, across the road."

So they tried that one, and another. The third proved to be the most promising. The railroad's expert gave the owner directions as to the time of planting, the inoculation of the soil, and fertilizing.

"Sometime when you are in the neighborhood," the farmer called to my companion as we drove off, "drop in and spend the night with me."

Mr. Stevens turned to me when we were out of hearing, and said:

"You'd be surprised to hear how many of them ask me to do thta. It's encouraging, because it shows they are interested. You see, that man didn't have time to learn everything he wanted to know, while he was walking around with us. He wants to sit down over these questions, and go into them in detail."

A Dairyman's Troubles.

Our next call was upon a dairyman, whose stock had begun to show signs of sickness. The man himself had not been able to make up his mind as to what the trouble was. He had theories, however, that he propounded to the railroad's expert. He went into the barn, and they examined one cow at a time, commenting upon its apearance. I noticed with interest that the Lehigh Valley Railroad's farmer was as anxious to learn as the other one. They listened attentively to one another's views, and at last decided upon a course of treatment.

Before he left, Mr. Stevens succeeded in impressing upon the man the importance of keeping accurate records of the production by each cow. Many cows are maintained at a loss without the dairyman's ever knowing it, simply because he lumps all his costs and his receipts into one account.

"Two out of every five cows in the Eastern States," Mr. Stevens told me afterward, "are probably non-profitable. But their owners rarely know it. I'm trying to get all these dairymen to keep a record of each animal's perofrmance separately, and a record of the feed consumed. In this way, at the end of the year, a man can tell whether or not he's spending more for feed, upon any one cow, than he's getting back in milk."

The cost of keeping a herd of cows is far greater now than it was a few years ago, and it is due to this that the attempt is made to introduce alfalfa. It is a prolific grower; in a season three or four crops may be cut, with a yield of from four to five tons per acre. In food value it is nearly equal to wheat bran. Only in the last year or two have the experts been able to overcome the natural conditions unfavorable to the cultivation of alfalfa. While the Lehigh Valley Agriculturist was in the service of the State Government, one hundred fields were planted in this forage, and a large proportion of them were successful.

First, the soil should have plenty of decomposed vegetable matter. And the plant must have lime, because it needs lime as a food and because the lime is favorable to the growth of the bacteria which help alfalfa feed upon the free nitrogen of the air. Before planting, also, it is usually necessary to inoculate the soil aritficially with soil taken from beneath an already thrifty alfalfa field. This does not have to be applied in large quantities—only 150 or 200 pounds to the acre.

A fruit-grower was third on our visiting list. His orchard was a bleak place in this Winter, and the bare limbs of the apple trees looked as if they might never again bear green leaves. But the temperature did not prevent the Agriculturist from "sizing up" the orchard, and telling what insect pest was responsible for its poor condition.

"San Jose Scale," he announced, after a brief examination. There were areas where the pest had formed a crust on the branches, and the grower described the spotted appearance of the fruit.

"This is a good time—now in the Fall of the year," said Mr. Stevens, "to spray the trees. Or it can be done early in the Spring. Use lime sulphur wash. The scale had a good start on these trees, so you'd better make two applications—one now and another in the Spring."

Farmers Eager to Welcome Expert.

So we spent the morning. The farmers were exceedingly hospitable, and the one whom we called upon about noon invited us to dinner. The people up in that region have good things to eat—if this family was a fair example—and we issued forth from the meal well filled, and fortified against the cold west wind which was now beginning to sweep across the snow fields.

In the afternoon our experience was much the same. But no two problems were quite alike. To one unversed in agriculture, it was astonishing to find how intricate a task the farmer's was. In the cities we are apt to assume, complacently, that the man who produces our food performs a comparatively simple function. We picture his sewing seed in the Spring and reaping a harvest in the Fall. And that's about as far as the imagination of most of us goes.

One farmer would get Mr. Stevens to examine his soil and recommend the kind of fertilizer to use. Another sought information as to the most approved feeding rations for animals. Another was concerned about the failure of his wheat crop in the season just past, and he wanted an explanation of it, so that he might correct his errors next year and reap a full harvest. Another felt that he had not been practicing the proper system of rotation, and was anxious to make sure before preparations were made for the next planting. Each one of these received the benefit of the years of study that the expert had spent in the service of the State. And if there was any question that could not be answered at once, Mr. Stevens made a note of it

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A CHRISTMAS ROMANCE BY ELLIS BROWNE

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HE took her one day in his automobile,
And he was a magnate in iron and steel.
Her very best gown was a cheap little lawn,
But her face was as lovely and fresh as the dawn.
He had horses and cattle and acres of land
And servants to wait on his slightest command.
A house in the country, a palace in town
(But the eyes of his chauffeur were gentle and brown).

THIS captain of finance, he wooed like a king.
So she did not say "No" when he brought her a ring.
He showered her with presents of diamonds and pearls
And crowned her with roses, this fairest of girls.
But the glittering jewels were soon pushed aside.
And his roses, neglected, soon wilted and died.
For the magnate was grizzled and wrinkled and old,
And the locks of the chauffeur were yellow as gold.

OH, youth unto youth is forever the same
As the torch to the tow, as the moth to the flame.
So the jewels and ring, with a message contrite,
Went back to the elderly wooer one night.
And silent and dark stood the automobile,
With no lights o'er the bonnet, no hand on the wheel.
For a maiden in latwn and a lover in leather
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FOR THE UPLIFT OF THE NEGRO

Effective Work Being Done at the National Religious Training School in Durham—An Educated Colored Ministry.

(By Geo. F. King.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 24.—It is remarkable to note the effective work for the uplift of the negro people being done at the National Religious Training School for negroes in this city. Peculiar exigencies of this people caused Dr. Shepard, the leading Sunday School worker in his race and a prominent character in movements of national import to make his people desirable citizens, to conceive plans that within a short time gave his race the first institution to meet one of the most essential needs for uplift of a race and in a large degree will remove a threatening menace to the country.

The negro minister is the real leader of his people. His propaganda is as effective as the Druids during the early period of the Anglo-Saxon people. Any casual observer of the activities of people of negro descent will find that the greatest wielder of influence among his people are the men wearing ministerial garb.

There are 30,000 negro ministers in the United States and there are only 3,000 of this number that are intelligently prepared to lead their people This reveals a deplorable fact—illiterate ministry of 27,000 men a potent factor in the development of over 10,000,000 lives.

Dr. Shepard rightly claims that his race needed years ago an institution that would educate the ministers, association secretaries, settlement workers and various religious and civic activities in his race. The weakness of the negro people in this respect is apparent. In showing the need of such an institution as he is the founder and president of he in part said: "Religious education changes the sluggish, dormant energies of the individual and turns them into channels of usefulness and service. It lessons crime, reduces idleness, stops violence, teaches lessons of restraint. It builds up a better waste of human material found in chain gangs, jails and pentitentaries. Makes a man practically religious and the industrial and educational side will take care of itself. The rallying cry should be: "Change the man and the environments will be changed by the man.

"I do not refer to that kind of religion that makes a man shout all day Sunday and fails to do an honest day's work on Monday or neglect to pay his honest obligations. I mean a religion that makes a man perform better service, in whatever capacity he may be engaged."

He claims that if a man is trained to be an artisan, in order for him to be a well rounded citizen he must have a religious training well as a literary one—this is essential for his contriubtion to a Christian civilization.

These utterances are evidenced more strongly in the work of the institution. With an enrollment of over 100 students, from many sections of the country, in the very successful Summer school conducted last Summer, with an able faculty and corps of lecturers, this work began a new era in the life of the negro people in this country that will cause an awakening of the dormant element of this race.

Three commodious buildings upon one of the most picturesque sites in this section of the State, where nature seemingly helps the student, is where the National Religious Training School is located in this city. Plans are rapidly being developed where more buildings will soon be erected to meet the peculiar needs of the school.

Dr. Shepard has in his faculty people who are trained experts and the school is equal to any negro college having a classical and other special courses. The Industrial feature of the institution is not being neglected of especial industrial work. In taese departments will be found teachers with long experience and a thorough training. The aim of the institution in this especial department is clearly set forth in the following words of Dr. Shepard: "The industrial institute is organized to encourage among its students general culture and useful sound knowledge of their callings and good manners."

In order to make a certain class of negroes in the country citizens they must be reached through settlement work—this is one of the cardinal features of this educational movement and the school is doing effective work in this especial direction. It is developing the kind of leadership that is desirable and will be encouraged by the best class of people of both races.

The various departments of the school are in excellent condition and every indication points to the full materialization of Dr. Shepard's plans. This being the first school term of the institution, yet the influence of the school is such that an encouraging number of negroes are being reached and they are controlling their emotions that the ramifications found in the following statement of Dr. Shepard, are potential features of a needed gospel: "We are told that the negro is emotional, that he is essentiallly a religious people. If that is so, if this emotionalism forms his greatest asset, why not harness that emotionalism into usefulness and service. It is the part of common sense to study that emotionalism and utilize it for lasting good to the people."

The Christian spirit of the best white people of the South are evidenced in their unstinted support of

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The Star's Feature Christmas Story

"THE MOONLIGHT SONATA" A Christmas Tale

BY

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I.

ABOUT 100 years ago there was a very poor young man who lodged in the attic of an old dilapidated house in the Platz Roemer, in the city of Bonn, Germany. He was so sensitive of his poverty that he would not appear on the street in the daytime, fearing that strangers would scoff at his soiled linen and tattered clothes. The neighbors declared, and with reasonable cause, that the man was demented, for his gray eyes glittered with a strange light beneath his pale and massive forehead. His long hair fell in disordered masses about his emaciated cheeks. The set expression of his thin lips betokened the bitterness of his life, and the dealer in wax tapers who lodged in the adjoining room asserted that the young man passed his days and nights furiously playing upon an old piano and covering great sheets of white paper with incomprehensible scrawls. Whenever he ventured upon the street the housewives ran to their doorsteps to see him pass by, and the children scoffed at him. No one knew his name or profession, whence he came or whither he went. He had only one friend, who called every evening at sunset. The latter was a person well known in the city of Bonn. He was the tall, gaunt drunkard, Joachim Fuescher, organist of the cathedral and kapell-meister for monseigneur the bishop.

One Christmas eve Master Joachim, warmly ensconced in his antiquated greatcoat, climbed the rickety stairs and without knocking entered the attic of his friend just at the beginning of the winter twilight. He found the young man sitting at the window, gazing sadly at the fantastically carved gables, the turrets and spires of the ancient city, over which the snow had spread a shroud of uniform and glittering whiteness.

"Ho, ho!" exclaimed the kapell-meister as he slapped the young man on the shoulder. "What do I see? What do you mean? Do you wish to be forever damned? Come! No black butterflies on Christmas eve! Look! The city is clothed in its wedding garments, the church bells are pealing merrily, and already, in anticipation of midnight, the streets are odorous with the flavor of Mayence ham and greasy fritters. Very soon the taverns will

"HO!" EXCLAIMED THE KAPELL-MEISTER.

illuminate their windows as an invitation and welcome to the passersby. And, above all, monseigneur's treasurer did not forget to pay me my salary. Come, comrade! Let us go."

Suddenly he ceased speaking, and his gaunt features assumed a sympathetic expression. When he resumed his speech it was in a gentle and tender tone:

"Ah, you are suffering as always, my poor grand genius!"

Then the young man arose brusquely, savagely wiped away a tear that was coursing down his cheek and exclaimed in a violent manner:

"Oh, be quiet! I hate the world! Its pleasures are to me like so many thrusts of a knife. I hate the human race; I hate myself! Genius, did you say? Yes, if that is to be the victim of every torture and every sorrow; to see oneself the subject of insult, suspicion and public indifference; to hear hunger, thirst and disease knock at one's door; to feel that all the sublime voices, all the vast inspirations of one's heart and brain, are stifled by the coldness of death; if it is to be a recluse and a pariah, then, indeed, am I a genius. But come! These walls, the silent witnesses of my despair, give me the horrors."

Then with unaffected tenderness and paternal solicitude the old organist removed his greatcoat and placed it over the shoulders of his friend. But the young man scarcely realized the act of kindness, so absorbed was he in his own meditations.

They left the house and walked slowly, arm in arm, through the narrow streets, which now were thickly carpeted with snow. The old organist selected the route, kept a watchful eye on his companion and even tried, with his own eyes full of tears, to bring a smile to the face of his young friend, whose features under the pale light of the stars looked unusually somber and mysterious, as if in harmony with the silence and solemnity of that winter's night.

At last they reached the heights of the suburb called Coblentz, which overlooks the ancient city, and were passing through one of its most retired streets when the young man suddenly stopped and grasped the arm of his companion.

"Hush!" he said. "Listen!"

Master Joachim, bending his head to one side, seemed to increase the vast

"HUSH!" HE SAID. "LISTEN!"

area of his rubicund ears, and in the deep silence of the night he heard, modulated by a broken winded harpsichord, some vague and feeble sounds that issued from a neighboring house. The two friends remained silent and motionless.

Presently they recognized the melody. It was an andante, possessing breadth, sweetness and melancholy, and despite the mediocrity of her instrument and the crudeness of her method the invisible performer impressed upon the music a tenderness of expression that denoted a poetic soul.

"Ah, by my faith!" exclaimed Master Joachim. "If I mistake not, that music"—

"Is mine," said the young man, while two tears glistened in his eyes. "Listen, Joachim; listen! It is the andante from my first symphony. Ah! I was wrong a few moments ago when I cursed my fate. God is good, and life is worth living, since here in my native city some one knows me, understands me, loves me! Since my spirit is the consoler of another, and a woman no doubt. Yes, yes; it is a woman, for I recognize the soul, the touch, the feeling of a woman, or, rather, of an angel that heaven in its mercy to the poor and despised has sent to earth this festive night as a balm of celestial joy to my poor wounded heart."

"Hum! Brou!" growled Joachim, who had become critical on hearing his favorite instrument. "I admit that the performer displays some feeling, but, my good Ludwig, the left hand is feeble, and the arpeggios of the right hand lack finesse and breadth. The method of a pupil, my boy."

"Silence, blasphemer!" replied the younger man, whose face was now resplendent with joy. "That woman does not merely play my music—do you understand? She expresses my thoughts. I feel it here!" he said, striking his heart. "But, come! I must see her, and here is the house."

Eagerly he drew Master Joachim toward a humble cottage. A light filtered through the badly jointed shutter of a lower window, and it was from that room the music came. But as they leaned forward near the window in an effort to hear the better the instrument suddenly became silent as it emitted one last plaintive note that resembled a sob.

II.

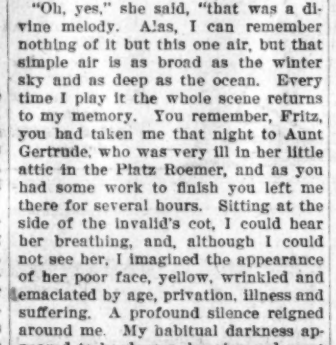
THE young girl had ceased playing suddenly, in the middle of a phrase; then she remained motionless and appeared to be absorbed in a reverie, while her fingers skimmed mechanically over the keyboard; finally she uttered a deep sigh, and a moment later, with a gesture of despair, she closed the old harpsichord and rested upon her elbows with her face between her hands.

"Little sister, why do you not play? It does me good to hear you."

The speaker was a young man with an honest but unusually serious countenance. Seated before a table covered with little pots and brushes and under the light of a large lamp, he was coloring those fantastic little animals and grotesque dwarfs cut in wood which are the triumph of the Nuremberg workshops.

"You like to hear me play, my poor Fritz," replied the girl, "because you have heard no one else, but I despair and grieve when I think how far I am from my ideal. Never, no, never, will I produce with these feeble and awkward fingers the celestial and sublime melody that soothed and charmed me on Christmas eve a year ago."

As she spoke thus, leaning against



"LITTLE SISTER, WHY DO YOU NOT PLAY?"

trude's neighbor was a young musician, mysterious and eccentric, who was on the verge of being dispossessed by his landlord because he was too poor to pay his rent and for the additional reason that he disturbed the sleep of his neighbors by loud and untimely uproars similar to that which regaled your ears."

"Do not say that, dear Fritz, even in fun, or you will offend me. The strange musician whom I heard that night was one of those angels sent to earth by God and known to us by the name of genius."

She remained silent for a moment, struggling against her emotion. Then in an outburst of exaltation she exclaimed:

"Oh, to hear him once more—only once—would be a foretaste of celestial bliss!"

Instinctively she softly played the theme of her beloved andante as an accompaniment to the following prayer:

"Bright king of this holy night—Christmas, Father Christmas, good Father Christmas, who concealeth thy venerable head under the hood of the great red cloak so full of enchantments; thou who this winter's night, with thy snowy beard floating in the frosty air, doth traverse the world and stop by preference before the more humble and sorrowful dwellings to gratify the modest wishes of those simple souls who have faith in thy power—Father Christmas, grant in this solemn vigil the wishes of thy humble and devoted servants. Oh, kind and loving friend of women and children, grant, I pray, that I may hear him once more!"

Fritz had arisen, much affected by the fervor of the girl's prayer. He was about to speak when the door suddenly opened and two strangers appeared upon the threshold.

III.

BEFORE the young master of the humble cottage had recovered from his astonishment the elder of the two strangers approached him and said:

"Excuse our informal entrance, my master. My friend and I are two very poor but enthusiastic musicians. We were passing through the street when we were attracted by the sound of your piano and could not resist our desire to become acquainted with the artist, the unknown brother or sister, who is concealed in this remote suburb."

"Alas, sir," replied the young man, "we are not artists, but only humble working people. Our life is a very hard one, but my sister sometimes brightens it with a fugitive ray of sunshine by playing, as she did this evening, some melodies that she has learned."

The younger of the two visitors now approached Alice. She trembled visibly when he touched her lightly on the shoulder and said in a gentle voice:

"You like that music, my child?"

"Oh, yes!" she murmured. "I love it—I cherish it! It is sublime! Only

SHE LISTENED WITH ALL HER SOUL.

I feel that I can never play it as it should be played."

"But," said the musician, who was standing now before the instrument, "you have not the music. Do you play by ear?"

Upon hearing these words the brother ran to his sister's side and took her hand, while she replied in a sad voice:

"Look at me, sir—you who are so fortunate as to have your sight. I am blind."

There was a moment of painful silence.

"Ah, my child," said the musician, "God afflicts in this life those he wishes to glorify in the next world. I also have a heavy cross to bear, and sometimes I am tempted to curse my fate, but I always have at my side a divine comforter—music! Let it console us now. What you were playing a few moments ago is not unknown to me. May I play it now?"

Without waiting for a reply he seated himself before the old harpsicord. At the sound of the first few notes the blind girl trembled with joy. Had not the good Father Christmas granted her prayer?

Under the touch of a master, light and heavenly as it was, under the stress of that divine inspiration, the old instrument became sonorous and pathetic. Ah, how it throbbed, sang, wept, laughed and sighed by turns! Yes, yes, it was the same that she had heard a year ago at the bedside of her dying aunt. As the volume of music reverberated through the humble room an ecstatic glow lighted the girl's features. With clasped hands, with parted lips and with her poor sightless eyes raised toward heaven she listened with all her soul—as a saint might listen to the singing of invisible angels.

The player also was transfigured. His face no longer bore the bitter and somber expression that we noticed there before he began to play. The fire of enthusiasm now blazed in his eyes; a powerful emotion agitated his lips. Framed in the waving torrents of his long hair, his face was that of a master of human thought.

He ceased playing upon a final majestic chord; then he bowed his head, and his eyes gazed vacantly into space. His thoughts were no longer of this earth. The inspiring power of his own music had overwhelmed his soul and marked his pale features with the traits of genius. Suddenly, in a burst of violence, he arose and ran to the window and opened it wide to the wintry air.

The moon upon its course reigned as sovereign mistress of the evening sky, and the scene which it illumined was of extraordinary beauty and repose. From that height the view embraced the entire city of Bonn, which climbs zigzag along the hills, traversed by its sparkling river, now hidden by its coat of ice. There was something fantastic in the vast immobility of the landscape, in the striking contrast of the immaculate snow which covered the city like a shroud

"GIVE ME INSPIRATION."

and traced upon the distant heights a great white line which formed the horizon and of that deep blue sky now unruffled by wind or marred by cloud.

"O night," murmured the musician as he leaned with his elbows on the window sill—"O mysterious moon, you are my friend! I understand everything you say to me. The lesson of resignation you teach me this evening I shall never forget! Give me inspiration. Descend upon me with all the train of your majestic and silent splendors in order that I may be able to speak of you and disclose your immortal beauty to that poor child who has never known you."

The two spectators of that strange scene remained mute, awed and fascinated by the exaltation of the young musician. He returned to the piano, near which Alice was sitting, lost in a deep reverie. He took her hand and said:

"My child, you do not know the appearance of the clear, soft night, which draws over the heavens its imperial mantle, dotted with glittering stars; you do not know what the beautiful round moon says to the proud souls and taciturn hearts that love solitude and sorrow. Ah, well, I shall try to tell you all that!"

She was almost on her knees before him. He resumed his place at the piano and played.

What he played no facility of style, no artifice of language, can ever express. There are certain musical works which seize upon the soul, soothe it, soften it or agitate it. Each chord, each note, causes the vibration within us of some hitherto unknown sense. Our sentimental personality is deliciously or terribly awakened. Finally the last note dies away. We return to ourselves, we try to analyze what we have so vividly experienced, and we quickly perceive that it is an impossible task. So the devotees of the occult sciences pretend that music is the language of the spirit world.

When the musician had finished he looked around him. The blind girl, motionless and transfigured, seemed to be in heaven. In one corner the boy, to whom this humble home belonged, was weeping freely, his head between his hands. Master Joachim was standing behind his companion with his enormous mouth open in amazement and his eyes fixed on the musician in absolute surprise. The young man smiled, softly closed the piano, approached the blind girl and kissed her on the forehead, then whispered to the old organist:

"Come, and do not make a noise."

Silently they gained the door and disappeared.

A moment later the young artisan

"IT WAS AN ANGEL."

raised his head and said, "Ah, how strange, Alice, they are not here!"

"It was an angel, my brother. He has flown away, but I am sure he will return."

IV.

THAT night when the poor musician returned to his humble attic in the Platz Roemer his bitterness of spirit had vanished. He kindled his meager fire, lighted his lamp and throughout the night covered with his accustomed scrawl many of those long white sheets of paper lined with black which had aroused so much suspicion in the minds of the good women of the neighborhood. When the pale winter's sun again shone upon his window the composer, overcome by fatigue, was sleeping with his head resting upon his scattered sheets, but before he fell asleep he had finished his work, which he called in memory of that eventful night "The Moonlight Sonata."

Today that sonata is considered one of the most sublime creations of human genius. The young man who on that Christmas eve played the role of consoling angel to the blind girl was called Ludwig Beethoven.

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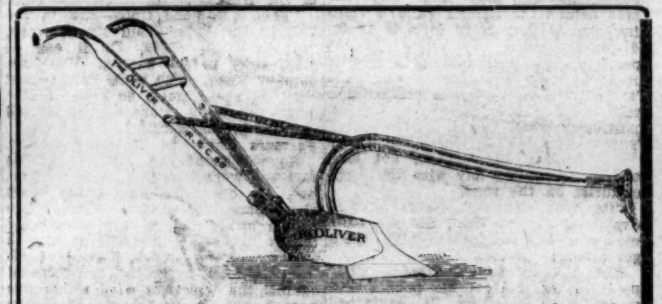

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A CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO

By MARCIA FIELD

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DEAR COUSIN JACK—
Pray come to spend
The Holly days with your true Friend.
In Hopes that Weather will permit.
To your good Parents Pa has writ,
And you and Ned and Frank can ride
Your Ponies by the Chariot's side.

I am desired to say that Nan
Expects such Sport with Cousin Fan.
She has a Doll from London Town.
With an Egret and Tabby Gown.
She is so proud! But, Jack, we Boys
Can think of better Things than Toys.

Hal begs his love. Pray answer quick.
Your faithful, loving,
COUSIN DICK.

P. S.—There came gilt Gingerbread
From England in a Box; for Ned
There's a Dragoon; for Francis, too;
But, Jack, I'll save King George for you.

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THE yellowed letter, so it runs,
Oft read by sons and sons of sons.
Above the formal sheet, outspread,
Dick bent his curly, ribboned head,
With tight grasped goose quill moving slow,
That Christmas season long ago.

'Twas sealed and sent—one must confess,
Ill sealed: a finger burnt, I guess!
Black Pompey rode 'twixt kith and kin,
With ebon face and ivory grin,
To bear such letters to and fro
In Christmas season long ago.

Our fancy paints the Yuletide sport
At hospitable Holly Court—
How Dick and Nan and Harry ran
To welcome Ned and Frank and Fan
And Jack, with apple cheeks aglow,
In Christmas season long ago.

What mirthful games, what generous cheer,
What sirloins huge, what cider clear,
What "puddens"!—Dicky spelled it thus—
What nut brown turkeys odorous,
What big mince pies in spicy row,
In Christmas season long ago!

As round the hearth the circle smiled
What log fires roared 'neath mantels tiled,
Where figuring forth the Scripture tale,
Blue Jonah fed the azure whale!
What singing sounds, what genial glow,
In Christmas season long ago!

What stories told as snug they sat
By Cousin This or Uncle That,
Till Dicky vowed to go to sea,
But Jack a soldier bold would be,
Fight for the King and make a show
In scarlet coat, long, long ago.

All passed, like scenes in shifting fire,
And sailor Dick grew up a squire,
While—strange the change the swift years bring—
Bold Jack fell fighting 'gainst the King,
All vanished like the melting snow
Of Christmas season long ago.

FOR THE UPLIFT OF THE NEGRO

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Dr. Shepard in trying to relieve his race of a condition that would ultimately become a great menace to a Christian civilization. Gen. Julian S. Carr, a Christian gentleman and one of the negro's staunch friends has and is laboring zealously to make the school a power in developing the negro to the extent that he will always be a desirable citizen.

Mr. Brodie L. Duke who donated the site for the school; Ex-Governor Glenn, who has not only contributed financially to the movement but has made special tours North and enraptured large audiences by his eloquence in interest of the school; Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, Judge United States Circuit Court, chairman of the Advisory board of the school with Ex-Governor Glenn will soon speak in some of the large Northern cities in interest of the institution, is another staunch supporter of the movement. Some of the leading white people and negroes from all sections of the country are members of the Advisory Board. They are: Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, Asheville; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte; General Julian S. Carr, treasurer of the school, and president of the First National Bank, Durham; Dr. James H. Dillard, president board of trustees Jeanes Fund, and publicist, New Orleans; Rev. Thomas B. Shannon, pastor West End Presbyterian church, Newark, N. J.; Hon. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; Senator Lee S. Overman, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.; Rt. Rev. Kobt. Strange, bishop of East Carolina Diocese, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Jas. B. Dudley, president A. & M. College, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tompkins, rector of Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. John L. Williams, capitalist, Richmond, Va.; Dr. H. M. Hamill, superintendent training M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor Tabernacle Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.; Gen. B. W. Green, capitalist, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, secretary Freedman Aid Society, M. E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. John Merrick, president N. C. Mutual & Providence Association, Durham; Rev. Jasper C. Masse, D. D., pastor First Baptist church, Chattanooga Tenn; Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowens, Gammons Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. S. G. Atkins, Secretary of Education, A. M. E. Zion church, Winston, N. C; Prof. R. B. McRary, capitalist, Lexington, N. C.; Rt. Rev. G. W. Clinton, bishop A. M. E. Zion church, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. A. M. Moore, Durham; Rabbi Abram Simon, Ph. D., Washington, D. C.; Hon. H. B. F. MacFarland, Commissioner District of Columbia; Rev. Dr. W. Y. Chapman, pastor Rossville Avenue Presbyterian church, Newark, N. J.; Rev. H. F. Williams, editor Foreign Mission Board, Presbyterian church, U. S., Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Dr. John E. White, pastor Second Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Chas. H. Shepard, Durham; Prof. W. G. Pearson, Durham; Rev. Dr. D. Webster Davis, author, poet, educator, Richmond, Va.; Rev. W. L. Pettingill, pastor Baptist church, Wilmington, Del.; Rev. J. Walter Liggitt, pastor First Presbyterian church, Steubenville, Ohio; Rev. Edwin S. Thompson, D. D., pastor Second Presbyterian church, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. Dr. W. J. Ford, pastor First Baptist church, Reading, Pa.; Col. Jas. H. Young, Raleigh; Mr. C. C. Spaulding, vice president N. C. Mutual & Providence Association, Durham; Rev. W. L. Lemon, M. D., pastor Superior Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. J. Elmer Dellinger, Greensboro; Prof. G. G. OKelly, vice president of the school, is one of the most prominent negro educators in the country; Dr. Jas. E. Shepard, president of the institution; Dr. M. W. Gilbert, of New York, is chairman of finance committee.

There is a growing interest in behalf of the school in all parts of the country and the big meetings to be held soon in the large cities of the North, ex-Governor Glenn and Judge Pritchard being the principal speakers, will again bring before the people of the North the need of supporting a movement that is essential for the conservation of high morals of people of negroid descent that will cause them to give beneficent service to society.

CHRISTMAS BERRIES.

Where the Holly Grows and How to Find the Best.

The old fashioned Christmas greens were rosemary, ivy and bay, but in the 2,000 tons of wreathing and decorating material which it is estimated that we now use every year there is a much greater variety. Best loved of all is the glossy, red berried holly. "Holm" was the old English name for it, and it is thought to be identical with the "greenwood tree" of British ballads and of Robin Hood fame. On our side of the Atlantic the American holly (ilex opaca) is found from Maine, where it grows as a shrub, to North and South Carolina, where it lifts a symmetrical cone of dark, shining leaves set with scarlet berry clusters along a beautiful trunk of gray and silver to the height of seventy or eighty feet.

Delaware and Maryland are usually credited with furnishing the best grades of holly to Christmas markets, but their "Three X" brand, as seen after shipment to northern cities, is not so finely berried as the Carolina holly, plentiful in the region around Asheville. In America there are three distinct grades of holly. Trees that stand on dry, barren hillsides, as a rule, are heavily laden with thick, knoblike clusters of berries, but their leaves are likely to be small, yellowish and imperfect. Follow some little stream to a sheltered, sunny glade where a holly trunk gleams white, and there you will find leaves large, dark and perfect, with a thick scarlet fruit age lighting the shadows evenly all over the tree.

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THE HIGHER COST OF LIVING

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and arranged to let the farmer hear from him later.

Meeting of the Grange.

Returning to the railroad station, where the buggy had met us, we were welcomed by a citizen of West Groton, a village three or four miles from the railroad. He drove us to his home, behind a lively mare, and gave us a plentiful supper. Mr. Stevens was scheduled to deliver a talk to the local Grange in the evening, and soon after supper we went to the Grange Hall.

Ninety or a hundred farmers were there waiting, and some of them had brought their wives along. The Master of the Grange introduced the Lehigh Valley Agriculturist, and Mr. Stevens took the floor.

There was nothing formal about the meeting. It was a sort of friendly pow-wow. Every now and then the speaker would pause, between sentences, to give his hearers a chance to question him. And they were not slow in taking advantage of the opportunity. Sometimes a farmer said he had treated his soil just as Mr. Stevens recommended and yet results had been bad. Then there would be a discussion of that particular case, and perhaps two or three questions would draw out the fact that peculiar circumstances had prevented the normal growth of the crop.

Success in Concentration.

Concentration was preached to the farmer.

"Find out what your locality is suited for, and develop that," the expert told them. "A section grows in wealth from being known as a section which excels in one line. Around Syracuse I hear of little but the breeding of Holstein cows. If a man anywhere in the country wants six or a dozen Holsteins he goes there to look for them. Now, if one of you in this section, raises a few Holsteins—and even if they are just as good as those around Syracuse—tney are not worth as much to you. There is not the same market for them. People don't come here from distant places in search of Holsteins. Your cow will probably be sold for less by 50 per cent. than the cow just like it where the famous market is.

"Northwest of here the same thing is true. In Seneca and Chatauqua counties they think of grapes, and grapes only. They are not interested in breeding animals, or in apples, or in forage for cows. They don't scatter their energies. They can grow good grapes in that soil, and they stick to grapes.

"Now you men, I think, ought to study your conditions with the idea of finding out to what kind of farming your soil and your climate are most favorable. Then, when you have found out, specialize. Make your country known as the country where the best apples, or the best hay crops, or the best cows, are raised."

This is a section where dairying is followed by most of the farmers, and hence the cultivation of feed crops is very important. Mr. Stevens took up alfalfa. He told the Grange the nature of the plant, what kind of soil it required, how much lime it was advisable to use, how inoculation was practiced and so on.

When one farmer asked a pointed question, it started a discussion in which several took part. Occasionally one of them would enliven the proceedings by poking good-natured jibes at one of his fellow farmers, mentioning an instance in which the neighbor's prophecies had not been fulfilled, or in which the neighbor's experiment with a certain field had been a failure.

Bulletins for the Asking.

After the Agriculturist had finished his talk he made it known that he had a collection of bulletins, upon various subjects which he would be glad to give to those who wanted them. At once there was a rush forward by the farmers. All of them wanted the bulletins, and, fortunately, there were enough to go around. While this was going on, a number of men were giving Mr. Stevens their names, and inviting him to call upon them as soon as convenient. He made a careful record of all these invitations, and of the location of each man's farm.

The horse and buggy are a slow method of transportation; they are used only when the conditions of the roads make an automobile impossible. In good weather Mr. Stevens travels in an automobile which the railroad company purchased especially for this purpose. It was painted olive green uled well ahead of time, so that the front are the words "Lehigh Valley Railroad." on each side "Agriculturist." and on the rear "Industrial Department."

Most of Mr. Stevens' work, so far has been done in New York State, but he is to extend it to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. His visits will be scheduled well ahead of time, so taat the farmers, knowing when he is to come, will be able to arrange appointments with him. Lectures will be delivered at various farming centres; after each lecture the Agriculturist will remain in the neighborhood as long as conditions warrant, to give instruction and advice to individual farmers.

The publication of bulletins is a feature of the Agriculturist's duties Four have appeared up to date: "How to Grow Alfalfa in the East," "The Profitable Dairy Herd," "Feeding Rations for Animals," and Insect Pests and Plant Diseases and How to Control Them." These are printed for the benefit of the farmers and are supplied on request.

From the railroad's point of view, increased tonnage in raw products will not be the only result of the agricultural work. The officials of the company believe that canning factories, bottling works and other industries will spring up with the increased production of apples, grapes and other fruit along the line of the road.

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A CHRISTMAS TELEPHONE.

By ALICE E. ALLEN.

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DOROTHY left her playthings in a heap on the floor. She pulled a chair to the telephone on the desk. She climbed into it. Her curly head reached the mouthpiece. She unhooked the receiver and put it to her ear, just as father did.

"Number?" said a voice so quickly that Dorothy jumped.

"Two-two-nine-six," she said clearly. That was what father said.

In a minute, close to Dorothy's ear it seemed, another voice spoke.

"Hello!" it said pleasantly.

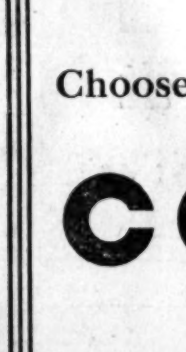
"Is this Santa Claus?" asked Dorothy as much like father as possible.

"Yes," said the voice sweetly. "What is it?"

Dorothy hesitated.

"You don't sound just like Santa Claus," she said.

"Well, I am," the voice laughed.



"YOU'RE MR. JOHN GRANT'S LITTLE GIRL?"

"But who is this—some little girl?"

"I'm Dorothy Grant."

"Dorothy Grant?" The voice seemed surprised. Dorothy hastened to explain.

"Dorothy Grant, 234 Park place," she said. "Don't you know me?"

"Oh," cried the voice, "of course I do now! But I've never seen you, have I? You are Mr. John Grant's little girl, are you not, Dorothy?"

"Yes," said Dorothy. "But, you see, he isn't home. He isn't ever, 'cept Sundays and Christmases and Thanksgivings and such days. That's why I had to ask you. There isn't any one in the house 'cept Rhoda and Sofia. Sofia's so old she's deaf. You aren't deaf yet, are you, Santa Claus?"

"Not yet," laughed the voice. "I can hear you quite well. Go on."

"Sofia takes care of the house and father, and Rhoda takes care of me. But they don't understand about Evelyn, and tomorrow, when father 'll be here, it will be too late, 'cause tomorrow's Christmas. And you must give Christmas gifts on Chrismas, mustn't you?"

"Yes," said the voice. "What is it you want, Dorothy?"

"It's about Evelyn. I didn't hear it myself till Rhoda told me today when she dressed me—that is, I didn't hear all of it. You don't know Evelyn, do you?"

"Why, no; I think not."

"I was just about sure you didn't, 'cause, you see, you've never given her a single thing, she says. And she's older'n me—a little. She's always been lame, but she's never been sick till now. Think of being sick at Christmas time! And the doctor says she must have fruit and nice things to eat. And she can't, you see, because Rhoda says it took every cent there was saved to pay up the doctor."

"Where does Evelyn live?"

"It's 22 Monroe street. I've been there with Rhoda. And it's up ever and ever so many stairs. I don't know how you'll ever get there. Are you so very stout?"

"Not so very. I climb stairs yet quite easily."

"I knew you'd help if you only knew about it!" cried Dorothy.

"What does Evelyn need most besides the nice things to eat?"

"She needs most everything," said Dorothy. "I bought her a Teddy bear with my own money. She just had to have him. But a dolly is quite nec'sary too. Don't you think so?"

"Very. And some picture books?"

"Oh! And a chair that won't hurt her back—a soft, comfy one."

"A pretty gown"—

"And some slippers"—

"And flowers"—

"Most anything you have left over!" cried Dorothy in great excitement. "Evelyn 'd like anything, 'cause she hasn't anything, to begin with."

"I see," said the voice gently. "We'll have a lovely Christmas for Evelyn. Now, isn't there something you'd like for yourself, Dorothy?"

Dorothy hesitated.

"There is—one thing," she said slowly. "I've never even told father. But I do want it dreadfully."

"What is it?" encouraged the voice.

"I want—a—a mother all my very own," said Dorothy. "Barbara has one and Connie. And Maude has one and two grandmothers besides. Why, even Evelyn has a mother—a sick one. Mine died, you know, when I came. And I would like another one."

"Yes," said the voice.

"I'd like a pretty little one with dimples, like Connie's mother. She isn't hardly ever real cross, even when Connie tears her gown. And she kisses Connie real often, and puts her to bed every single night, and tells her stories. But most any kind would do if father liked her. She'd have to stay here, you know."

A mischievous little laugh sounded in Dorothy's ear. But in a minute the voice said:

"Is that all, Dorothy?"

"Yes, thank you," said Dorothy, as father had taught her.

"You dear, quaint little thing!" cried the voice. "May I come to see you soon?"

"Why, of course, Santa Claus," said Dorothy.

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"But wasn't Santa Claus funny to ask that, father?" asked Dorothy. Father had surprised her by coming home before her bedtime, and she was telling him all that had happened. "Of course he's coming. Doesn't he always? Why should he ask if he could?"

"BUT WASN'T SANTA CLAUS FUNNY TO ASK THAT?"

Father chuckled.

"What number did you ask for, Dolly?" he said.

"Two-two-nine-six," said Dorothy, "the one you always say."

Father gave a long low whistle. Then he asked:

"Was Santa's voice deep and gruff?"

Dorothy shook her head.

"It was low and sweet, and every little way it had laughs in it," she said.

After Dorothy had gone her happy way to dreamland Mr. John Grant went to the telephone.

"Two-two-nine-six," he said.

In a moment there came to him a voice, low and sweet, with laughs in it.

"Is this Miss Annie Claus?" he asked.

"Yes. And this is Mr. Grant?"

"Yes. You had a conversation with my little daughter this morning, Miss Claus?"

"Yes—bless the child! How did she know me and my number?"

"She didn't, but—bless the child—she tried the only number she remembered and found you. She was trying to get Santa Claus."

"Santa Claus?"

"Yes."

Annie Claus laughed.

"I understand now," she cried. "That was why she asked if I were deaf yet—and stout. How funny and sweet and dear of her! Well, thanks to her and to Evelyn, I've played Santa's part and had the loveliest Christmas I ever had so far."

"It was good of you, Annie," said John Grant.

"Good?" Anie Claus questioned. "One would do anything for Dorothy."

"Would one?"

"Anything one could," amended Annie in suspicious haste.

"You have Evelyn's gifts ready?" asked Mr. Grant.

"All ready. You should see"—

"And Dorothy's?"

"Dorothy's?"

"The one thing she wants—she told me, Annie. Is it ready?"

"Not quite."

"But, Annie, tomorrow is Christmas, and Christmas gifts must be given on Christmas."

"IS THIS MISS ANNIE CLAUS?"

A mischievous little laugh rippled over the wire.

"Dorothy stipulated that in the selection of her gift her father must be pleased," said Annie Claus.

"That needn't bother you. You have known his preference for a year and more, haven't you?"

"Ye-es, unless he has changed his mind."

"He hasn't, Annie, and never will. Don't you believe that?"

"Ye-es."

"Well?"

"Come over to my Christmas tree tomorrow night, you and Dorothy. Evelyn will be her. We'll talk things over."

"Thank you; we'll come without fail. But Dorothy—and Dorothy's father—will be sadly disappointed if Dorothy's gift isn't ready."

"Perhaps it will be."

"Annie—really?"

But Annie Claus had rung off.

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THE SAIL SURVEYS.

Report of the National Agricultural Department as to This State.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, shows that in conjunction with the State Department of Agriculture soil surveys were made of 1,125 square miles of territory in North Carolina during the last fiscal year, which makes a total up to July 1, 1910, of 1,732 square miles, or 7,508,480 acres, surveyed since the Bureau began operations in the State.

The following counties have been surveyed: Alamance Cabarrus, Caswell, Chowan, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gaston, Granville, Henderson, Mecklenburg Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Scotland and Transylvania. Also the following areas: Cary, Hickory, Greenville, Craven, Lake Mattamuskeet, Mt. Mitchell, New Hanover, Raleigh to Newbern, and Statesville.

During the Winter of 1910-11 the counties of Johnston with 688 square miles; Randolph, with 796 square miles, and Richmond, with 466 square miles, be surveyed in co-operation with the State Agricultural Department.

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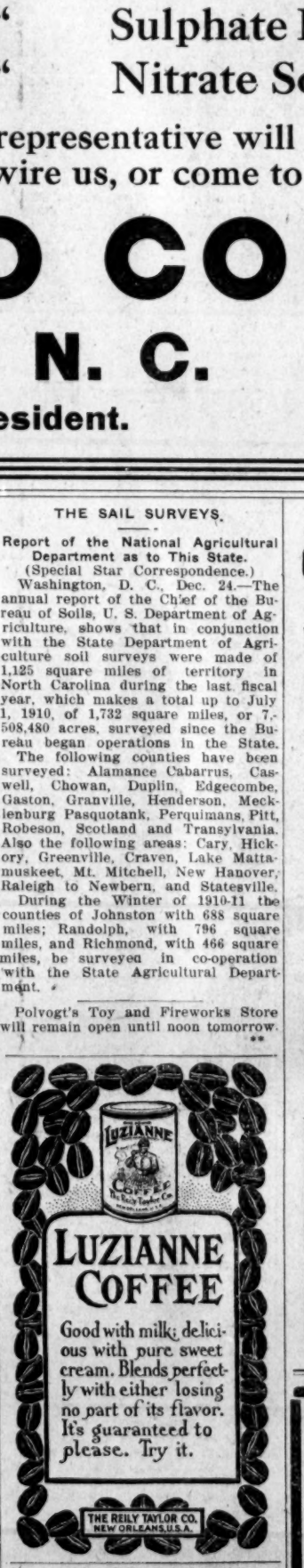
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GLORIOUS SEASON BEGINS

Christmas Eve an Unpropitious Day for Shopping, but a Large Number Were on Streets and Many Sales Were Made.

Had he tried his utmost the weather man could hardly have been more inconsiderate of the people of Wilmington and this section than he was yesterday when he gave one of the most disagreeable days of the season as the last one in which the people might do their shopping before the dawn of the glorious Christmas Day—this morning However, and despite the efforts of the weather man to the contrary, there were hundreds of shoppers on the streets throughout the day and until a late hour last night and the merchants report that their day's sales, while perhaps somewhat under what they had estimated, were exceedingly good, and they did not see fit to register a very strenuous kick.

Throughout the day and evening there was a drizzly rain making it not only disagreeable under foot but necessary to carry an umbrella to protect one from drenching, if he had to be out for any considerable length of time. Fortunately, it was not very cold, otherwise Christmas shopping would have been almost out of the question. As it invariably happens, many people found at the last minute that a present for some relative or friend had not been bought and a search for a suitable article was begun with a vengeance. Everybody was in a hurry and all were afraid they would forget something or that somebody would get the article they had in mind to purchase.

Following a beautiful custom, that has ever prevailed in this section, particularly, in nearly every office and place of business yesterday there was an exchange of Christmas presents, as a token of appreciation of the friendship of one for the other. Perhaps a greater number of gifts than usual were exchanged among employees of different offices and establishments in this city.

The supply of Christmas greens, including trees, wreaths and other decorative materials, has been greater than ever before and the prices have remained at a nominal rate. Very few, if any, homes are without the Christmas decorations this season and practically all the business houses are elaborately decorated.

The past week has been one of unusual activity in all lines, even for the week preceding Christmas. One of the busiest places in the city has been the postoffice and it is stated that never before have so many Christmas packages been sent away from Wilmington and so many received in return from other places. This is an indication of the prosperity that prevails throughout the country. The regular force of clerks and carriers were so overtaxed that it was necessary to employ extra men, three carriers being engaged and every attache and official of the post office were at work in the office. Even the postmaster has been making more than the usual number of working hours. Under the law, the carriers may work only eight hours a day, but the clerks' day has no limit and they are not paid over time. While additional carriers are provided, no extra clerks are employed in the Wilmington office which makes it necessary for every man in the office to work over time and work hard. Perhaps nobody in Wilmington will be gladder to see the season end than the employees of the postoffice.

The Southern Express Co. people have also been hard worked and from indications the number of packages handled by them exceeded that of last year, both incoming and outgoing.

Throughout yesterday could be heard the noise of the fire cracker and the blast of the irrepressible tin horn, which gave unmistakable evidence of the fact that Christmas Eve had arrived and the time of beginning of the holiday festivities was at hand. Last night one walking down the streets could hardly hear himself talk, so great was the noise made by the holiday celebrators. The crowds were orderly and the true Christmas spirit prevailed.

As Christmas Day this year falls on Sunday, tomorrow will be observed as a holiday. All the banks and county and city offices and many of the mercantile establishments will be closed. Business will be practically at a standstill and the thoughts of the people will be on anything but business for the most part.

MEN'S MEETING TODAY.

Meeting at Bijou Theatre—Yoke Fellows' Appointments Today.

The meeting for men at the Bijou theatre this afternoon at 5 o'clock under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will very likely be largely attended. Rev. Wm. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, will make the final talk of his series of four addresses.

The appointments of the Yoke Fellows' of the association for today will be as follows:

City Prison at 10 A. M.; L. L. Corbett; County Home at 2:30 P. M., J. B Huntington and H. E. O'Keefe; Wrightsville Union Sunday school at 7:30 P. M., P. H. Murphy and R. G. Davis; Wrightsville Sound at 4 P. M. W. W. Koch and H. S. McGirt; Castle Hayne at 11 A. M., G. C. Bordeaux and R. F. Coleman; East Wilmington at 4:30 P. M., L. D. Latta and H. Wormesley. Special Christmas services will be held at several of these appointments.

TAKE CARE!

Remember that when your kidneys are affected, your life is in danger. M. Mayer, Rochester, N. Y., says: "My trouble started with a sharp shooting pain over my back which grew worse daily. I felt sluggish and tired, my kidney action was irregular and infrequent. I started using Foley Kidney Pills. Each dose seemed to put new life and strength into me, and now I am completely cured and feel better and stronger than for years." Robt. R. Bellamy.

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TILESTON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER

High School Magazine for the First Quarter of Fall Term 1910 Out.

Tileston Topics, which is published quarterly during the school year by the students of the Wilmington High School, was issued from the presses yesterday morning, and undoubtedly surpasses any issue of the publication yet gotten out by the students of the High School. The edition reflects great credit upon the business managers and editors of the publication. This is the first issue of the magazine issued during the Fall term and will be read with unusual interest by all connected with the High School, as well as by many others of the city. Mr. Hiram King is editor-in-chief, and Mr. Willard Cantwell is assistant editor-in-chief. The following are the associate editors: Miss Alice Sawyer, exchange editor; Mr. Alvon Blue, athletics; Miss Jeanette Buck, current events; John Wells, locals; Miss Edna Lanier, jokes. Alumni, Miss Laura Weil and A. O. Mitchell; Freshman No. 1, Miss Louise Worth; Freshman No. II. McCallum Plowden; Freshman No. III. Genevieve Dushan; Freshman No. III.. Mr. Lewis J. Stein is business manager and Mr. Leon Silverman, assistant business manager, and in the selection of these the students were exceedingly fortunate, as reflected by the large number of advertisements carried by the publication. Mr. Stein is one of the greatest hustlers in the school, being manager of the football team the past season, and at the head of a number of other committees looking to the advancement of the High School. He is a hustler in every sense of the word.

The following is a list of the contents of the magazine: "This World of Ours" (verse), J. M. Wells; "The Crossed Wires," Genevieve DuShan; "The Half-Back," John Wells; Editorial, Freshman No. 1, Miss Louise Worth; Freshman No. 2, McCallum Plowden; Freshman No. 3. Miss Genevieve DuShan; "Jokes," Miss Edna Lanier; Locals. John Wells; Current Events. Miss Jeanette Buck; Athletics; Avon Blue; Exchanges, Miss Alice Sawyer; Alumni Notes, Miss Laura Weil. Limericks.

The large number of subscribers to the magazine may receive a copy of the same by calling at the High School building Wednesday morning, when they will be distributed.

MR. ROBERT S. FRENCH.

Becomes Business Manager of National Commision Merchants.

Wilmington people will be interested in the announcement in Friday's Atlanta Constitution that Mr. Robert S. French, formerly of this city, but for the past several years district agent for the Armour Car Lines, with headquarters in Atlanta, has been appointed business manager of the National League of Commission Merchants, which is one of the largest, oldest and strongest organizations in the country. His new duties will bring into service his splendid knowledge of traffic conditions acquired while associated with the Armour lines, for a long time with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Mr. French is a native of Wilmington, a son of the late W. R. French, and is held in the highest esteem by all. The Atlanta paper prints a half-tone cut of Mr. French in connection with the announcement of his appointment.

EUGENE HARRIS SLASHED.

Received Severe Gash on the Left Side of Throat Last Night.

Eugene Harris, a young white man, who has figured quite frequently in the Police Court, was slashed on the left side of his throat last night about 7:30 o'clock with a pocket knife, by F. G. Pigford, a young white man, the trouble between the two occurring on Market, between Water and Front streets. Pigford was arrested by Patrolman M. C. Gray and taken to police headquarters, where he was given berth for the night. Harris was also taken to police headquarters and the hospital ambulance called, arriving about 8 o'clock. Harris was taken to the institution, where his wound was dressed. His wound is painful but not considered serious. The cause of the trouble had not been learned by the police.

TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS.

Dr. John M. Faison Remembers Star Family With the National Bird.

When the morning express arrived yesterday from up in the confines of "Old Duplin, God Bless You," it brought along from that good friend of the Star, Dr. John M. Faison, Congressman-elect from the Third District, a very fine specimen of the National bird, a turkey, if you please, with the doctor's compliments and best wishes for a merry Christmas for all the Star family. Nothing could have been appreciated more and the household of the paper from press room to the editorial sanctum desire in this way to publicly thank Dr. Faison for his thoughtfulness and consideration at this gladsome season of the year.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Christmas Exercises Will be Observed This Morning—Music.

There will be a Christmas service at the Brooklyn Baptist church this morning, consisting of special music by the orchestra, and an appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of the church, on "The Unappreciated Christmas Gift." At the close of the service there will be an offering for aged ministers. At the meeting tonight the pastor will preach on "The Infant Jesus Crowded Out," a peculiarly appropriate subject, which will, no doubt, be dealt with in a most enlightening manner. All are invited to attend the services.

For Fireworks see Polvogt's assortment in their Toy Department.. Store open until noon. **

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

Wishes its Friends and Customers a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

J. W. SIMPSON, Cashier.

THE GRAND THEATRE OPENING

Wilmington's Handsome New Theatre Thrown Open to Public and Enthusiastically Received—Best Entertainment.

Wilmington's magnificent new popular theatre, "The Grand," recently fitted up at large expense by Mr. J. M. Solky, in the Solky building, on North Front street, was thrown open to the public with a high-class bill last evening and even though there was enough to divide interest with most any amusement enterprise, the theatre was packed literally from "pit to dome," the beautiful new playhouse being most enthusiastically received by the Wilmington public.

The doors were thrown open at 7:30 o'clock and there was a rush at once for seats. A large amount of money has been spent in making this the premier theatre of its class in North Carolina and for beauty and grandeur, it can have few equals in the entire country. With handsome tiled vestibule, the most goregeous fittings and appointments throughout, Mr. Solky has spared no expense to meet the demands of Wilmington for a high-class popular theatre. The policy of the house will be the best to be had in motion pictures, illustrated songs and music by an orchestra engaged specially for this house. Something entirely new in moving pictures will be presented each day, with all the effects by the orchestra and special equipment constructed for this purpose. The large audiences were delighted last evening by the sweet singing of Mr. Frank Banks, until the arrival of the regular soloist, who will have a permanent place on the programme. Mr. Eugene LeBarre will appear as cornet virtuoso and the orchestra played for the opening selections from Madame Sherry and The Chocolate Soldier. Mr. John F. Kneisel will have charge of the music and will give his entire time and attention to this part of the programme. Mr. LeBarre is a cornetist of exception ability and his rendition of the celebrated "Russian Fantasia' and "Every Little Movement" will be well worth the price of admission.

The doors will open nightly at 7:30 P. M. with a continuous performance until 11:30 P. M.

Architecturally and in finishings, the Grand is one of the prettiest places imaginable and Mr. Solky invites the public to come and see for themselves just what a pretty place he has. The general contracting work has been done by Messrs. R. H. Brady and Daniels; the electrical work by Mr. G. T. Williamson; the plumbing by Mr. Dozier; the heating by Mr. Longley; the ventilating and lighting by the Tidewater Power Co., and the handsome tiling by Mr. J. Carewe.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner of Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Christmas services: Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion, 11 A. M.

St. Thomas' Catholic church: First mass 7 A. M. Last mass and sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers, 7:45 P. M.

St. Matthews' English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. H. E. Beatty, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 10 A. M. Christmas service will be rendered by the Sunday School at 8 p. m. Everybody invited.

Grace M. E. Church, corner Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. J. C. Wooten, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school in afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Dock Street Christian Church; regular services Lord's Day morning and evening, Rev. C. Manly Morton, pastor. Bible School at 10 A. M.; preaching services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Christian Endeavor at 6:45 P. M.; mid-week prayer service, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited to all services of the church. Evening last of series of special sermons will be preached; subject: "The Glory of Childhood." Special services at morning and evening hours.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Christmas: German service 10 A. M. English service: 11:15 A. M. Sunday school Christmas festival, 6 p. m. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Holy communion, 8 A. M. Service, sermon and Holy communion 11 A. M. Christmas music. Children's Christmas service, 4 P. M. No night service. All are cordially invited.

Fifth Street Metholidst church, Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M., by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, it being the occasion of the first quarterly meeting for this charge. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Special Christmas music. Sunday school, 3 P. M., W. H. Schaefer superintendent. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. The public cordially invited to all the services of the church.

MR. BANCK GOES TO CUBA.

Wilmington Man Working for Government in Engineer's Department.

Mr. W. H. Banck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Banck, of this city, a graduate of A. & M. College in civil engineering, who has been working for the government at Montgomery, Ala., in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. for a year or more, is spending the holidays at home with his parents and yesterday received his transfer to Havana, Cuba, where he will be employed in connection with the work of raising the battleship Maine.

The raising of the Maine under the supervision of army engineers is one of the biggest tasks of its kind ever attempted and if successful will require several months' work. Mr. Banck has "made good" in the government service and his promotion has been rapid. He has many friends in the city who will learn of his success with much pleasure and interest.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FARES Via NORFOLK SOUTHERN R. R.

On account of the Christmas Holidays, the Norfolk Southern Railroad will sell very low round-trip tickets to all points.

These tickets to be sold December 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31st, 1910, and January 1st, 1911, with final return limit to reach original starting point not later than midnight, January 8th, 1911.

For complete information call on nearest ticket agent, or address.

W. W. CROXTON,
General Passenger Agent,
de 23-1w Norfolk, Va.

Just Received.

Dainty, Dandy, Dancing Slippers. Velvets, Satins and Swedes. Hewlett & Price. **

For Fireworks see Polvogt's assortment in their Toy Department. Store

THREE XMAS SERVICES.

Delightful Programme Arranged for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

There will be three Christmas services today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the first being a German service at 10 A. M., the second an English service at 11:15 A. M., and the third a children's song service at 6 P. M. At each of the morning services there will be a special Christmas music and at the children's vespers the cantata "Bethlehem," by Schmauk, will be rendered. Owing to the large congregations which annually attend the children's service, this service will be held in the church building and not in the Memorial Building. A large Christmas tree, procured in the North, has been placed in the church and beautifully decorated. The electric lighting, instead of candles, shows to excellent advantage. At the morning services there will be sermons by the pastor and the offerings will be for the poor of the city. Those who have not given to the work of the Associated Charities will find an opportunity of doing so in the plate collections this morning. The offering at the children's service will be for the Sunday School. The church has been beautifully decorated for the services of the day.

NIGHT WATCH SERVICES.

Will be Held at Boys' Brigade Armory Next Saturday Night.

In conformity to an annual custom at the Boys' Brigade Armory a "Watch Night" service will be held next Thursday night. The scope of the plans will be more extensive this year and wil include in addition to the "watch night" service basketball games in the gymnasium by the teams competing in the Honnet trophy, followed by a delightful social event in the auditorium.

The basketball games will begin at 8:15 and will consume just one hour. At the close of this feature the spectators will repair to the auditorium, where, beginning at 9:30, a splendid musical programme will be rendered, after which refreshments will be served. At 11 o'clock the "Watch night" service will begin and will terminate at 12:05 o'clock Sunday morning, January 1st, 1911. At this service 10-minute addresses pertinent to the occasion, will be delivered by three of the pastors of the city churches. There will also be a song service in which all may participate. The public, both ladies and gentlemen, are invited to spend the evening as the guests of the Boys' Brigade, who assure a most delightful evening.

BUSY TIMES ON THE WHARF.

Required Two Big Shifting Engines on the "Dummy" Line.

On account of the Christmas rush, which was much larger this year than usual on the wharf, the old "dummy" engine had to be temporarily discarded and the Coast Line has had two big shifting engines moving the freight and keeping the water front track clear for the past week. Train loads of Christmas goods consigned to merchants on the wharf have been handled with dispatch and the splendid service has been commended by wholesalers and others, who were anxious to have the cars placed early in order that they might supply the trade. The rush has been continual for a week or more and even throughout yesterday the two big shifters were kept busy.

NEWS OF THE SHIPPING.

Three Clearances and Two Arrivals Yesterday—Cotton Steamer.

The British steamer Gretavale, Captain MacMillan, cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 11,323 bales of cotton, valued at $900,000. The cargo and vessel are by Alexander Sprunt & Son. The German steamer Eriphia Capt. Bellman, after discharging cargo of fertilizer material cleared light yesterday for Norfolk.

The schooner F. & T. Lupton, Capt. Longstreet, cleared yesterday for New York with cargo of 19,000 cross ties from the Windley Cross Tie Company. The vessel will sail today. The schooner Annie M. Hudson, Capt. Morton arrived yesterday from Baltimore with cargo of acid phosphate to be discharged to the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Co.

DREDGE LOST HER RUDDER.

The Gen. Comstock Disabled While Dredging at Snow's Marsh.

The dredge Gen. Comstock, which has been dredging at Snow's Marsh, three miles below Southport, was disabled Friday night by the loss of her rudder and was towed into Southport yesterday by the dredge Cynthia. The dredge was put entirely out of commission and arrangements are being made to tow her to Jacksonville for repairs. The dredge Cynthia arrived from Baltimore yesterday morning and picked up the Comstock near the bar as she was coming up the river. The Cynthia went to Baltimore several weeks ago to be repaired. The Comstock is the largest dredge on the Cape Fear river and will probably be towed to Jacksonville the first part of this week.

Godwin Case Has Been Settled.

It is understood that the suit in United States court of Mack Godwin, administrator, against the Atlantic Coast Line, has been compromised for $2,300. M. L. Godwin, brother of the administrator, was killed about six months ago at one of the street crossings of the defendant railroad and the plaintiff sued for large damages. The case was first docketed in the Superior Court, but later taken to Federal Court. Ricaud & Empie appeared for the plaintiffs.

Overfatness Condemned.

Fat, or even fattish, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand is for lines, not curves, and govern themselves accordingly.

That means OFF with the fat. It has become a duty. Many are trying exercise or dieting; but it is certain they will find these methods too slow and unreliable. The cheapest and safest way to get in form for the Directoire mode is by means of Marmola Prescription Tablets. Any druggist (or the Marmola Co., 606 Farmer Bldg., Detroit, Mich.) will give you a large sized case of these elegant little fat reducers containing a good, generous supply, for seventy-five cents, and even this quantity should be enough to make a decided impression on your excess fat. Many have lost as much as a pound a day.

These Marmola Prescription Tablets may be used with impunity and likewise perfect confidence, for, being made strictly in accordance with the famous Marmola Prescription, they are, of course, quite harmless. They are rather beneficial than otherwise, in fact, never disturbing the stomach or causing a wrinkling of the

PIG IRON SHIPMENTS.

From Birmingham, Ala., Via Wilmington to Chili, S. A.

In line with its well established policy the Seaboard Air Line is ever reaching out after new business, with special regard for Wilmington and the facilities offered by the company at this point, and has recently received from mines at Birmingham, Ala., a large shipment of pig iron for Chili, a far distant country in South America, and the shipment has been loaded on the steamer Foxton Hall for its final destination. The shipment of pig iron will be delivered to two different firms in Callao. On the journey to Chili the steamer will have to pass through the Straits of Magellan. The consignment consisted of between five and six hundred tons. It is believed that this shipment will be followed by many others from Alabama. This will not only be of great benefit to Wilmington, but will, of course, bring considerable revenue to the railroad handling the products.

THE CITY WATER SUPPLY.

Analysis for the Past Month Shows No Pollution—The Report.

Mr. R. C. Cantwell, superintendent of the waterworks, yesterday morning received from the State Chemist the report of the analysis of the Wilmington water supply for the month of December, which makes a better showing than any analysis for some months. The reports is as follows:

Sediment, 0; color, platinum cobalt standard, 0; turbidity, silica standard, 0; odor, cold, 0; odor hot, 0; alkalinity (in terms of Calcium carbonate) 7.5; chlorine 7; nitrogen as nitrates, 0.03; nitrogen as nitrates, 0; free ammonia, .020; aluminoli ammonia .146; temporary hardness, 7.5; colon bacilli in 1 c.c., 0; colon bacilli in 10 c.c., 0; total number of bacteria per c.c., 130; no pollution.

GRANITE & MARBLE WORKS.

Mr. Frank Meier Engages in Business at No. 310 North Front.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Frank Meier, proprietor of the Marble and Granite Works at 310 North Front street, this city. The firm are designers and builders of granite and marble mausoleums, monuments and head stones and will appreciate the patronage of the public. Mr. Meier has been in the business for 35 years and is an expert in his line. He will succeed in the line of which he is the compelte master.

Christmas Eve Wedding.

Mr. George F. Dukes and Miss Maggie Kerr, both of this city, were happily married last evening at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Manse. It was a quiet affair, the only witnesses being Mrs. Ed Keathley and Mrs. J. L. Baysinger, friends of the couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kerr, No. 715 North Sixth street, and the couple will make their home with her parents.

A Simple Safeguard for Mothers.

Mrs. D. Gilkeson, 326 Ingles Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, gained wisdom by experience. "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose I gave her relieved the inflammation in her throat and after using only one bottle her throat and lungs were entirely free from inflammation. Since then I always keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house. Accept no substitutes. Robt. R. Bellamy.

A Merry Christmas To All

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

That Big White Building
Cor. Front & Princess Sts.

A Merry Xmas!!

While wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we also express our gratitude to you for the share you have contributed to our success during the past year, and we hope that we may be allowed to serve you faithfully for many years to come.

THE

Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

110 N. Front Street.

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ANOTHER BIG REALTY DEAL.

Capt. Harper Sells Wharf Property to Capt. A. D. Stokes.

The northern portion of what is known as the Atkinson property, on Water, between Princess and Chesnut streets, has been sold by Capt. John W. Harper to Capt. A. D. Stokes, master of the steamer Duplin, the consideration being $14,000. The property is next north to the loa which will be used by Capt. Harper, master and owner of the steamer Wilmington, who only Friday closed a deal for the Navassa Guano Company property at the foot of Princess street. The property purchased by Capt. Stokes has a frontage of 66 feet on the river and is considered very valuable.

Polvogt's Toy and Fireworks Store will remain open until noon tomorrow **

NO COURT YESTERDAY.

Tomorrow Will be Observed as Holiday Unless Court is Necessary.

There was no session of the Recorder's court yesterday for the reason that there were no cases on the docket for trial. The police did not make a single arrest for the 24 hours ending at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. They got busy in the afternoon and evening, however, and a number of prisoners spent the night at the City Hall. There will be no session of the Recorder's court tomorrow unless there are some cases which should be disposed of before Tuesday, in such event the Recorder will try the defendants tomorrow.

Just Received.

Dainty, Dandy, Dancing Slippers. Velvets, Satins and Swedes. Hewlett & Price. **

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

We Wish Everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and extend our thanks for the liberal patronage given us during the season in both our stores.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Our Toy and Fireworks department in the annex will be open until noon on Monday, December 26th. Our main store will be closed all day Monday.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

Opposite Postoffice.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

A CHRISTMAS ANTHEM.

(By A. G. Hankins.)

The gladdest anthem ever sung
Since Creation's work begun,
Echoing o'er Judean plain
The angel's joyous, sweet refrain
That ushered in the blissful morn
When Christ, the Holy Babe, was born;
"Glory to God in highest strain,"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Anges bright from Celestial choir
Enrobed in Heaven's pure attire
Rejoiced the world with glorious news
Alike to Gentile and the Jew;
To you this day is born a King!
Let men with angels join to sing
"Glory to God in highest strain,"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Go spread the glorious news abroad,
Christ, our Redeemer, Savior, Lord,
Has come, the world to bless and save
And ransom every sin-bound slave;
To set the captive pris'ner free
And give the world full liberty
"Glory to God in highest strain,"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Rejoice ye burdened, sin-sick soul
Christ, the Physician, makes you whole;
Lifts your burdens, dries your tears,
Soothes your sorrows, calms your fears,
Gives consolation in distress
And fills the soul with joy and peace.
"Glory to God in highest strain,"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

This natal day we gladly greet
And lay our tribute at His feet,
No more the Bethlehem Babe adore;
A King, enthroned in might and power;
The conquerer of death and sin
O'er all the world in love doth reign;
"Glory to God in highest strain,"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Mrs. Ella Townsend, of Wilson, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

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Many friends of Mr. Harry Walters are glad to see him for a few days during the holiday season.

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Mrs. Fannie Barry, of Hampton, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Cronly at her home on Eighth street.

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Miss Effie H. Potter left last evening for Marion, S. C., to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Bryant.

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Messrs. Herbert and Empie Latimer are here for the holidays and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer.

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Miss Bessie Cleapor, of Atlanta, Ga., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cleapor.

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Mr. Chas. A. Price arrived home yesterday from Georgia to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Price.

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Miss Marion Mallett, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Holmes, has returned to her home.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Wolf, of Marion, S. C., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Diehm, No. 510 Chesnut street.

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Mr. Howard B. Branch, of the staff of the Morning Star, left last night to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Durham.

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Mr. J. Lynsay Russell, of New York, is here to spend the holidays with his brother, Dr. Frank H. Russell, at his home on Market street.

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Mr. Allan Jones, of Columbia, S. C., is in the city, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer at their home on South Third street.

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Mr. W. E. Thompson, a student at Davidson College, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson.

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J. C. M. Vann, Esq., a prominent young attorney of Monroe, N. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with his uncle, Mayor Walter G. MacRae.

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Mr. D. W. Pratt, a student of Trinity College, Durham, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pratt, No. 15 North Seventh street.

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Mr. Julian A. Turner, of Greensboro, arrived last night to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother, W. T. Mangum Turner, Esq., on South Fourth street.

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Mr. Joseph S. Mitchell, of the division counsel offices of the Atlantic Coast Line at Florence, S. C., is at home to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

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Miss Pearl Nance, one of the teachers at Delway, was in the city yesterday, on her way home to spend the holidays. She is a daughter of Dr. Nance, of Monroe, N. C.

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Miss Jewell Pepper and Miss Nora Northrup, both of Southport, were in the city yesterday on their way home from Delway, N. C., where they have been attending school.

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Mrs. N. E. Bunting and son, Master William McDuffie Bunting, have gone to their old home, Fayetteville, to spend the holidays. Mr. Bunting will join them there today.

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Mr. Robert Post, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is here for the holidays, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Post, at their home, No. 112 North Seventh street.

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Last night in the Nurses' Hall at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable social function was given in honor of the nurses of the institution. The rooms were attractively decorated by the ladies' committee for the occasion. The nurses received gifts from members of the board of managers, and were generously provided with fruits, cake, nuts, candy, etc.

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Mr. E. H. Bellamy, a student at the University of North Carolina, is in the city to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy, No. 602 Market street.

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Several select members of the G. W. Bornemann Glee Club will take part in a performance to be given at Clinton N. C., tomorrow night. The glee club has made a reputation throughout this section.

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Mr. J. E. Toomer, assistant State chemist of South Carolina with headquarters at Clemson College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Toomer, at Carolina Heights.

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Misses Mary Baldwin and Fannie Starr Mitchell, of the State Normal and Industrial College, are at home for the holidays which they will spend with their mother, Mrs. Jos. S. Mitchell, 113 North Fourth street.

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Miss Madge Brand, an attractive young lady of this city, who has been a student at the College for Women at Columbia, S. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brand, 313 Chesnut street.

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Mrs. Fred G. Robinson has returned from Bay St. Louis, Miss., where she has been visiting hr son, Mr. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., who accompanied her home. They are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thompson on Fifth street.

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Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, and Mrs. Whitlock, received a fine leather rocker, last night, with the compliments of Brooklyn Baptist church. The recipients express hearty thanks to good Old Santa Claus for the remembrance.

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Messrs. H. G. Bowden, associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Wm. A. McGirt, left last night for Norfolk, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays with Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of a Methodist church there, formerly pastor of Grace Church, this city.

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Dr. H. C. Wysong, of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn., is spending the holidays in Wilmington. Rumor has it that before his return he will fully identiy himself as a Wilmingtonian, and it will be a pleasure for Wilmington to claim him as a citizen.

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There will be a large number of social events to take place this week, among which the most important will be L'Arioso german Tuesday night; L'Agile Cotillon Club Wednesday night, and the Sigma Nu Fraternity dance Thursday night. These affairs are being anticipated with much pleasure by the young people, and it is expected that the attendance will be unusually large at each.

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Many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere will be pleased at the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Elizabeth Hinton Grant, the attractive daughter of Capt. and Mrs. R. O. Grant, of this city, and Dr. Homer C. Wysong, of Knoxville, Tenn., the marriage to be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in this city, No. 415 South Fourth street, a. 2:15 o'clock on teh afternoon of December 28th. They will make their home in Knoxville, Tenn., where Dr. Wysong has just completed his medical education at the University of Tennessee. Both have the very best wishes of a host of friends.

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A PRETTY WEDDING WEDNESDAY AT IVANHOE

Ivanhoe, N. C., Dec. 24.—One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs W. H. Robinson, when their attractive and accomplished daughter, Miss Florence Robinson became the bride of Mr. Troy Holmes, of Wilmington, N. C. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Kenneth McCaskill, of Staunton, Va., in the presence of relatives and friends. The home was artistically decorated for the occasion the color scheme being green and white. The bride was handsomely attired in a going-away gown of blue, with hat and gloves to match. The maid of honor, Miss Frances Robinson, a charming cousin of the bride, was very attractive in a gown of green messaline. The wedding march was delightfully rendered by Miss Juliet Merriman, of Wilmington. Immediately after the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room where refreshments were served. The many handsome presents of cut glass and silver attest the popularity of the couple. Mr. an d Mrs. Holmes left on the evening train for Farmville, N. C., where they will visit relatives of the groom. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. R. F. Herring, Clinton; Mrs. L. J. Merriman, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Robinson, Atkinson; Miss Gertrude Orr, Currie, and Misses Katherine Robinson, of Goldsboro.

The Disease Prevalent Elsewhere.

Since the article in yesterdays Star announcing the action of the County Sanitary Committee in requiring that all school children of the county be successfully vaccinated, local physicians have been informed that the disease prevails to just as great, if not greater extent, in adjoining counties than in New Hanover, it being reliably stated that in one county not far from New Hanover that 40 families are quarantined on account of the disease. It is a recognized fact that while this county has more of the disease than it wants, that the situation in adjoining counties is just as bad. However, in many of those counties the exact number of cases is never known to the general public, whereas, in this county a monthly statement is issued showing every victim of this and other contagious diseases.

For Fireworks see Polvogt's assortment in their Toy Department. Store open until noon. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Jeff Lewis and Miss Mollie Brinson, daughter of Mr. S. M. Brinson, both of this city, the ceremony to take place today.

—Rev. John C. Wooten, the pastor, will conduct services at Grace Methodist Church today, both morning and evening. Morning service at 11 A. M. and evening service at 7:30 P. M.

—Messrs. Platt & Haar, as a special compliment to their out-of-town patrons, are sending out a neat little blotting pad with celluloid cover, bearing a pretty picture and a greeting from the firm.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Henry E. Bonitz and wife transfer to John Sheehan and wife, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on east side of Ninth, 66 feet south of Princess, 33x66 feet in size.

—The American Surety Company, of New York, yesterday instituted suit in Superior Court against Archer Roberson, of this city. J. D. Bellamy & Son represent the plaintiff company.

—One of the prettiest calendars of the New Year has been received by The Star from Mr. Thos. Quinlivan, the well known farrier and horse shoer. The design is very pretty and appropriate to the business and will adorn any office or home into which it may find its way.

—Mrs. W. A. Lineker desires to thank the people for their good attendance and gifts to the children at the North Wilmington Private School entertainment Friday night. Another entertainment will be given by the school Thursday evening in the school building on the Castle Hayne road.

—At the First Baptist church the subject at the 11 A. M. service will be "Following the Star." Special music by the Junior choir. At 7:30 p. m. the subject will be "A Helping Hand to the Man Who is Down." At the Sunday school at 3:30 p. m., there will be exercises appropriate to the occasion.

—By deed filed for record yesterday the Waccamaw Lumber Co., tranfers to the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, for $75,000, lot on corner of Hoggs Folly line and Front street, the property adjoining that of the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Co., and fronting 437 feet on Front street. The sale of the property was mentioned in The Star some weeks ago.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. C. Cashwell left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at Fairmont, N. C.

—Mr. John Underwood, of Fayetteville, who has been on a business trip here, has returned to his home.

—Mr. C. A. Howe, of Montrose, is the guest of his father, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Howe, for the holidays.

—Mr. John L. Hymans, of Charlotte, an expert soda fountain dispenser, is now with the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company.

—Mr. James F. Moore, of Currie, arrived on the belated A. & Y. train last night and will spend the holidays in the city with friends and relatives.

—Mr. Raymond Whitlock, who has been attending school at Buie's Creek Academy, and Mr. Mala Whitlock, who attends school at Delway, returned home yesterday to spend the holidays

—Mr. Chas. H. West, formerly with the Star, but now foreman of the job printing office and one of the linotype operators of the Wilson Times, is at home to spend the holidays.

VERY QUIET LAST NIGHT.

Comparatively Few Arrests Made by the Police — Order Good.

It was stated at police headquarters at 1 o'clock this morning that unusually good order had prevailed through out the city for Christmas Eve night. The inclemency of the weather, perhaps had something to do with this. It is very evident that the "farcical" inspection of the near-beer saloons a few nights ago by members of the police department had a good effect and, as a result, the violations of the prohibition law, if there were any were not so open as heretofore. Up to 1 o'clock there had been 23 arrests by the police since 2 o'clock yesterday, 11 of the number being charged with drunkenness. Last Christmas Eve there were 27 arrests, of which number 20 were charged with drunkenness.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WARD.

Services Held Yesterday Morning From Grace M. E. Church.

The funeral of Mrs. C. H. Ward, whose death occurred Thursday afternoon, after an illnes of some time, was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from Grace Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John C. Wooten, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Following the services at the church the body was tenderly borne to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment took place. The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. G. Bowden, J. T. King, R. G. Davis, L. L. Corbett.

Enojyable Exercises Held.

Christmas exercises were held Friday night by the Castle Haynes Union School, located a few miles from the city, with a large attendance. There are 37 members of the Sunday School and not a single one of the number was forgotten in the distribution of presents from the tree which occupied the center of the rostrum. A pleasing programme was rendered and altogether it was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held in the building.

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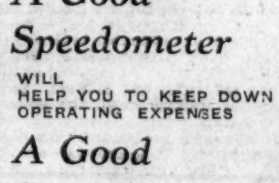

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CHILD'S SHOES, 8 1-2 to 11, vici kid and gun metals, patents kid and cloth tops $1.50
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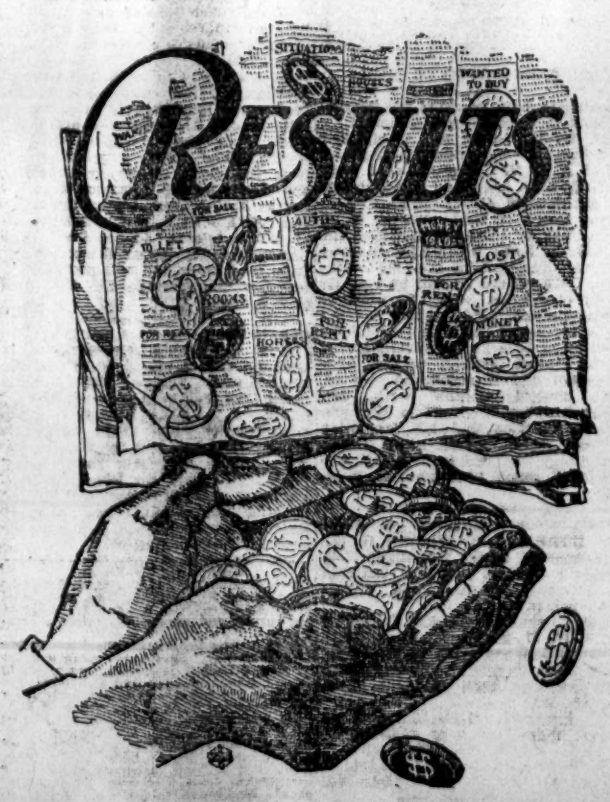

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Chas. L. Dickinson and wife Lillie W. Dickinson to Chadbourn Lumber Company, dated September 25, 1909, recorded in Book 58, at page 679 of the Records of New Hanover, the undersigned mortgagee will on the 11th day of January 1911, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, at 12 o'clock, noon, expose for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in the City of Wilmington:

Beginning at a point in the western line of Second street 66 feet north of the northern line of Nun street, and runs thence along said line of Second street northwardly 66 feet, thence westwardly and parallel with Nun street 90 feeth thence southwardly and parallel with Second street 66 feet, and thence eastwardly and parallel with Nun street 90 feet to the beginning, the same being the eastern end of Lot 5 in Block 113 ,according to the official plan of said City of Wilmington.

Dated this 10th December 1910.
CHADBOURN LUMBER COMPANY,
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MARKET QUOTATIONS

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Flour steady but quiet; Spring patents 5.10 to 5.40; Winter patents 4.50 to 4.75; Spring clears 4.10 to 4.40.

Rye Flour—Quiet; fair to good 4.20 t 4.35.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull; 2.25 per 100 pounds.

Buckwheat—Quiet; 62 1-2.

Corn Meal—Steady; fine white and yellow 1.20 to 1.25; coarse 1.14 to 1.20; kiln dried 2.95.

Rye—Dull; No. 2 western 89.

Barley—Steady; malting 90 to 94.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 98 1-2 elevator and 98 f.o.b. afloat. Futures steady at unchanged prices. December 97 3-4; May 1.02 1-2.

Corn—Spot firmer; No. 2 new 53 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Futures unchanged to 1-2c higher. December 56; May 56 1-2.

Oats—Spot steady; standard white 38 1-4; No. 2, 38 3-4; No. 3, 37 3-4; No. 4, 37 1-4. Futures 1-4c net higher. December 38 1-4; May 40 1-2; July 40.

Cut Meats—Steady; pickled bellies 10 to 14 pounds, 13 1-2 to 15 3-4; pickled hams 12 1-2.

Lard—Firm; refined steady; continent 11.55; compound 4 3-4 to 9.

Petroleum—Steady; refined 7.40; bulk 3.90.

Cotton Seed Oil—Holiday.

Rice—Steady; domestic 2 1-4 to 5 1-4; Patna 5 1-2 to 6.

Molasses—Firm; New Orleans open kettle 30 to 50.

Sugar—Holiday.

Butter—Unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Quiet, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

MARINE

Arrived.

Schr. Annie M. Hudson, 299 tons, Morton, Baltimore, C. D. Maffitt.

Cleared.

Ger. str. Eriphia, Bellman, Norfolk, Heide & Co.

Br. str. Gretavale, Macmillan, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schr. F. & T. Lupton, Longstreet, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Exports—Foreign.

Bremen—Br. str. Gretavale, 11,323 bales of cotton, valued at $900,000; vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Domestic.

New York—Schr. F. & T. Lupton, 19,000 cross ties; cargo from Windley Cross Tie Company; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Annie F. Hudson, 299 tons, Morton, C. D. Maffitt.

Kalanga (Br.) 2,160 tons, Plomer, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Tennyson (Br.) 1,315 tons, Williams, Heide & Co.

Lovaine (Br.) 1,998 tons, Daniels, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Clivegrove (Br.), 2,265 tons, Squire, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Maffitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, C. D. Maffitt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C D. Maffitt.

Barques.

Caithness-shire (Br.) 1,525 tons, Halford, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

No markets—holiday.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 24th.)

PEANUTS—Virginias, extra prime 70 cents, fancy 75 cents. Spanish from $1.05 to $1.15 cents. North Carolina, No. 1, 90 to 95 cents per bushel. New crop.

CORN—Firm, 70c per bushel.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 22; shoulders 17 to 18 cents and side 17 to 18c.

EGGS—Good demand, 27 cents.

CHICKENS—Spring 25 to 40; grown, 45 and 50 cents, dull.

BEESEWAX—Firm 27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2 to 5c per pound

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 45 to 50 cents per bushel.

HIDES—Dr. flint 13c; green 7c per pound

WOOL—Burr 12 to 15c; free of burr 18 to 20c.

GEESE—60 cents per head.

PORK—9 to 10 cents, net.

SHEEP—No demand.

LAMB—$1.00 to $2.50.

PEAS—white peas, $2.50 to $2.75.

IRISH POTATOES—New crop 80 to 90 cents, dull.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, December 24. — Bull leaders took advantage of the absence of selling pressure in the wheat market today, and bid up prices. Corn strength was an aid, and there was also assistance from the dry weather throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and most of Missouri. Closing figures were the same as last night to ¾c. higher. Oats made a net advance of ⅜ to ⅝@1c.; oats rose a shade to ¼, and provisions at the wind up varied from 30c. advance to 7½@10c. decline.

Cash grain: Wheat, No. 2, red, 94¼@94½; No. 3, do., 92@93½; No. 2, hard, 94@95¾; No. 3, do., 92@94; No. 1, northern, 105@106; No. 2, do., 103@105; No. 3, 101@104; No. 2, spring, 95@103; No. 3, do., 93@103; velvet chaff, 90@100; durum, 82@83.

Corn—No. 2, 47¼@47⅝; No. 2, new, 47@47½; No. 2, white, 47½@47⅝; No. 2, new, 47@47½; No. 2, yellow, 47¼@47⅝; No. 2, do., new, 47@47½; No. 3, 45½@46; No. 3, new, 42¾@44¼; No. 3, white, 45¼@46; No. 3, do., new, 43¾@44¼; No. 3, yellow, 46½@47; No. 3, do., new, 44@44½; No. 4, 45@45½; No. 4, new, 42@42½; No. 4, white, 45@45½; No. 4, do., new, 42@42½; No. 4, yellow, 45@45½; No. 4, do., new, 42¼@42½.

Oats—No. 2, 31½; No. 2, white, 33¼@33½; No. 2, new, 32¾; No. 4, 32@32½; standard, 32¼@33.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat:				
Dec	92	92⅝	92	92⅜
May	96¾	96½	96⅛	96⅝
July	93¾	93½	93¼	93½
Corn:				
Dec	46⅝	47¼	46	47
May	48	48¼	47½	48⅝
July	49	49⅝	49	49¾
Sept	49⅞	50¼	49⅞	50⅛
Oats:				
Dec	31½	31½	31½	31⅝
May	34¼	34⅝	34⅛	34⅝
July	34⅛	34⅝	34¼	34¾
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	20.02½	20.05	19.85	19.90
May	18.70	18.97½	18.70	18.95
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.80	10.85	10.80	10.80
May	10.30	10.42½	10.30	10.37½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.00	10.00	10.45	10.45
May	9.92½	10.00	9.92½	9.97½

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton goods markets are steady and quiet. Linens rule firm with a higher tendency. Burlaps are about 5 points lower than a week ago. Yarns rule steady.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, December 24. — Turpentine, nominal; machine, 80 cents. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, 6.00 to 6.10.

FOREIGN MARKET FOR SECURITIES.

London, December 24.—American securities were nominally unchanged on the stock exchange here today.

CONDITION OF BOND MARKET

Review of the Week by Henry Clews. Better Tone Has Been Maintained—Investment Situation Rather Better Now.

New York, Dec. 23.—A somewhat better tone has been maintained in the security markets during the past week, and this in spite of the inactivity which usually develops during the holiday season. The main cause for betterment has been the investment situation. This is probably more satisfactory than at any time for several months. The decline in prices has brought many securities to a level that now offers more reasonable returns. Money is easy, and the low rates obtained for loanable funds naturally divert attention to interest-bearing securities. For this reason the bond outlook is much brighter and there is already a larger inquiry for desirable issues.

The January disbursements will be larger than usual, being estimated as high as $226,000,000; and a fair proportion of this sum always seeks re investment in Wall Street. Another encouraging feature is the better demand for American investments by European buyers. There have been fairly liberal sales of bonds to Europe during the last few days, and international banking houses report conditions as favorable to the further placing of good issues. Many of our best railroad stocks are now selling at prices which yield 5 to 6 per cent. compared with 4 to 5 per cent. when they were at the top level. On bonds the returns are also 1-2 to 1 per cent. better than formerly. All conditions point to a continued ease in money for some time to come. It is posible that the year-end payments may cause a temporary flurry, but no change of consequence in monetary conditions seems probable between the middle of January, when funds return, and the first of April. This means a period of at least two and a half months of monetary quiet; indeed, we may be facing a glut of idle money. Whether rates will decline sufficiently to permit gold exports remains to be seen.

Our foreign trade is gradually assuming more normal proportions, because imports have been falling and exports rising. In November our exports were $206,000,000, or over $12,000,000 in excess of last year. Our imports for the month were $130,000,000, or about $10,000,000 less than a year ago. This left an excess of exports for the month of nearly $76,000,000, compared with $53,500,000 a year ago. It should not be forgotten, however, that the large excess in exports was due to the rushing forward of cotton in anticipation of trouble over the cotton bill of lading controversy. In all probability, therefore, cotton shipments will figure lightly in forthcoming returns, especially as Lancashire is already well provided with cotton. The downward tendency of commodities and slack trade will, however, tend to stimulate exports and discourage imports. As already stated, we are at present selling securities to Europe with more freedom than usual, and these facts should tend to prevent any premature or excessive gold efflux during the early months of 1911. The monetary situation abroad is also favorable. The Bank of England is expected to reduce its discount rate. So, too, is the Imperial Bank of Germany. In Paris money is abundant, and the year closes with the world's money markets in very good form.

American requirements for new capital are still very pressing, and unless all signs are mistaken, the next few weeks will witness considerable offerings of new securities. Our railroads are especially in need of funds to carry out projected improvements and will, if possible, make large demands upon new capital supplies. Their ability to finance new undertakings is largely dependent upon the treatment they receive at the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Fortunately, there is every reason to expect that they will receive fair consideration and be allowed to make some advances in rates. The situation of the railroads is anything but satisfactory. Traffic is already beginning to decline and some of the Western roads are curtailing their service and enforcing various economics. In view of the heavy increase of expenses the future is one that will require considerable skill and patience on the part of railroad managers. The increase in Lehigh Valley dividend from 6 to 10 per cent did not excite any enthusiasm. That road is exceptional in its conditions and management; therefore is no criterion for other properties which may have difficulty in maintaining present rate of dividends. The stock touched 180, but that is no higher than it sold on a 6 per cent. basis. The policy of raising the dividend at this time was at least questionable, considering the general railroad situation. There are some who think it would have been better judgment for the company to have shown some favor to shippers as well as stockholders.

The close of the year finds general business in a very quiet condition. Conservatism prevails everywhere. The steel trade is still running at about one-half its capacity in the cruder forms and there are no signs of early revival in sight. Everything depends on the railroads. Possibly, if the latter place their bonds satisfactorily, orders for cars, equipment, etc., will be forthcoming. The textile trades are also quiet and efforts are being made for general and concerted courtailment. There is nothing unsound in the situation, but a gradual settling down process has begun, which must run its course before real recovery can be expected. Economy is now being practiced not only in business, but at the home, and in nearly every direction curative tendencies are at work which will in due season pave the way for a fresh forward movement.

The stock market does not always move in sympathy with business affairs. It often discounts events in advance. The present depression in trade has doubtless been fully anticipated on the Stock Exchange; hence the latter is more or less cheerful while pessimism prevails elsewhere. Should no unfavorable developments take place still further improvement is possible. HENRY CLEWS.

FOR PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT

Iredell Meares, Esq., Advocates State Aid for Building Public Roads and Drainage—Our Need. A Greater Statesmanship.

Once the functions of government were supposed to be limited to the mere preservation of the peace of the community and its defense from alien foes. All industrial, agricultural and educational development of the people were considered, as outside the limits of government, and relegated to individual initiative. Modern government, however, with the experience of civilization, has been broadened in its sphere of activites. It has taken over the school system on the theory that the government is interested in the greater economic value of the educated citizen. We have agricultural and insurance departments. We regulate railroads and private corporations. We have aided in the building of railroads by public subscriptions for the indirect benefit derived from their operation.

The time has come when the Legislature should create a department for the building of public roads and the drainage of lands under State supervision. We can well afford to utilize the State credit in these two directions. There is a strong sentiment in North Carolina favorable to the building of public roads. Everybody concedes their advantages. It means the building and growth of the rural sections. Everyone, who has considered the matter, appreciates the untold wealth to come to the State in the proper drainage of our swamp and low lands.

There is going to be a great deal of misdirected energy and improper expenditures toward each of these objects. The State of North Carolina in order to promote its own greater development, might well afford to issue bonds, running for a series of years, and utilize its credit toward both of these objects. The State of Massachusetts, as well as other States, has roads known as State roads, which it maintains, and to these main State roads the county roads run.

Let us suppose the State would undertake to build three great highways of substantial and permanent nature from its ocean shores, through the Southern, the Central and the Northern tier of counties to the Tennessee line, with lateral connections to the Virginia and South Carolina boundary lines. The benefit derived would be Statewide. Numbers of automobiles would be brought to the State, whose owners would ride from ocean to mountain top and leave incidentally in the State money enough to make an equivalent for any interest paid on the bonds.

The State should make an appropriation, create a board of engineers issue the necessary bonds, and organize drainage districts for the purpose of properly draining our low lands. This work of drainage cannot be done by private individuals. The last Legislature did pass an act permitting drainage districts to be organized, the drainage commissioners to issue bonds, and providing that the lands so drained be assessed prorata the cost of the work. The difficulty about this system will be in the negotiation of such bonds and in the proper execution of the work. The State, if it creates a Board of Engineers, could cause this work to be done more scientifically, more completely and more economically, and do it with reference to the drainage of large areas. It could issue bonds for the purpose then assess each section drained with its prorata share of the cost, giving the owners of the land a long period of time to pay off the lien, and, as the money is collected back it could go to the creation of a fund out of which to pay the interest and to redeem the bonds at maturity. This drainage system in the Eastern section of the State must, in great measure, precede the building of permanent roads. Each of these objects are entirely within the modern conception of the obligation of government.

Early in the history of this country the National Government built interState highways under the general welfare clause of the National Constitution. The Federal Government is today spending milions of dollars in the development of waterways. It has reclaimed many millions of arid lands in the West by the storage of water and its distribution over large areas of land. The work of this department of the National government is repaid to the government by an assessment on the lands.

We cannot and should not rely on the National Government to drain our swamp lands. The lands reclaimed by the National Government in the West were government lands. These swamp lands in North Carolina are private property. The National Government has no constitutional power to undertake this character of work. It has no power, if it wanted to loan the money, to create a loan on the lands drained. The talk of getting the National Government to do the work has been a subterfuge of congressional candidates to ingratiate themselves with the people. Let us abandon this nonsensical talk and educate our people to having the State to inaugurate these great works.

Each of these propositions, if intelligently undertaken by the State on a large scale, with systematic expenditures, would be a magnificent investment. If the State were to issue bonds for road-building on an extensive scale, the cost to be assessed partly against the lands directly benefitted, and issue bonds for drainage or guarantee the bonds issued by districts, the indirect benefit would be so wide spread to State and people that the current interest on the bonds issued would hardly be known or felt. It would mean increased developments, increased settlements of our lands, increased revenue to State, increased population and increased opportunities to all classes of citizens; and it would do more than any one thing toward keeping our ambitious and energetic young men at home, who heretofore have gone forth to other more developed and developing States to work out their success in life.

Let us suppose the State were to issue bonds say for one million dollars, the proceeds from the sale of which would be devoted to the development of drainage, the lands benefitted to repay the cost, the mere fact that the money would be available would create an activity in the drainage of one million acres of lands in Eatsern North Carolina and give them immediate value, while, when the work was completed and the lands, which are of surpassing fertility, were drained settlements would follow and our agriculture, the basis of all wealth, would be marvelously developed. On the drainage of this one million acres of swamp land, it is aid, depend the better drainage of some six million acres of up-lands, now partially under cultivation but imperfectly drained.

Let us suppose the State were to issue, in whatever the sum, bonds sufficient to build a system of extended State roads, as suggested, the mere fact of the great undertaking would attract world wide attention, bring people to the State, causes capital to be invested, arouse the energies of our people and increase individual opportunities, while bringing wealth to the State far beyond the expenditures.

Are these fabulous suggestions? They would be no greater undertakings, in the experience of the century and the strength of our resources, than were those undertaken by our forefathers in the early history of the State, when they gave freely State aid to build railroads through an undeveloped and sparsely populated State that, too, within a few years after the invention by Stephenson of his rocket engine, in 1832, and before railroading had entered upon even its experimental stage. As far back as 1833 the State appropriated $200,000 for the drainage of swamp lands, evidencing the then conception of the advantages to the State from such developments.

We had forefathers who conceived great things for the State and dared to undertake their doing. We need to breathe their spirit, broaden our views, and undertake public developments like the building of systems of public highways, drainage of lands canals for freight transportation, and the utilization of water powers, in connection with and supplemental to the National work in developing our waterways.

The National Government sets us an example in its development of waterways, the building of the Panama canal, the reclaimation of arid lands and the furtherance of other public and National utilities. In our State concerns, we have the opportunity to undertake great internal improvements by States aid that will bring untold benefits to all the people. We need the spirit of a greater statesman ship to inaugurate these State enterprises.

The liberal discussion of their import will bring, in my opinion, the support of the people to their accomplishment. Money wisely spent is not unprofitably spent. Economy does not consist in not spending. It is in wisely spending. If this is true as to one dollar, it is equally true as to millions. Great corporations borrow millions of dollars, in order to in augurate great business enterprises, and, on like principle, why should not the State use its credit to build up the State public utilities, which future generations, as well as this generation, will profit by and will bear ratably.

Let us be up and doing. Let us address our minds to thinking of these great undertakings and in their doing we will be a stronger and a more virile people. We will be doing our part thereby in the world's work.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 25, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 24th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 55 degrees; 8 P. M. 42 degrees; maximum 56 degrees; minimum 42 degrees; mean 49 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .81; for the month 1.13 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 4.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, colder in eastern portion; Monday unsettled, probably rain by night, warmer in interior; moderate north to northeast winds.

Port Calendar—December 25.

Sun Rises.....7:15 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:09 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 54 min.
High water at Southport 4.08 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:08 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 24, 1910.

STATIONS.	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest Today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M.
Asheville	clear	32	28	.01
Atlanta	clear	42	30	.01
Charleston	pt. cloudy	56	54	.48
Charlotte	clear	46	36	.26
Chicago	cloudy	16	8	.01
Galveston	clear	54	44	.0
Jacksonville	clear	60	54	.38
New Orleans	clear	52	40	.0
New York	cloudy	48	42	.82
Pittsburg	cloudy	30	26	.30
Raleigh	cloudy	46	46	1.00
St. Louis	clear	28	12	.0
Washington	clear	40	34	.88

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CORRUPT VOTERS IN OHIO.

Two Thousand Men Sold Their Votes in Last Election.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 24.—Fifty more arrests for vote selling were made today in Manchester, O. Judge Blair today said that at least every sixth man in the county would be the subject of a grand jury investigation.

Rev. Isaac Hilton, of Red Brush, today admitted his guilt of selling for $10 his vote in the last election. Because of the minister's financial condition, Judge Blair made his fine light, but disfranchised him for five years.

With a total of 633 indictments and 114 pleas of guilty to charges of vote selling during the recent election, Adams county, Ohio, presents a condition unique in political history.

Investigation by a grand jury has resulted in the indictment of nearly 10 per cent. of the voting strength of the county and today predictions were made that the number of indictments would reach 2,000.

Upon pleas of guilty, the offenders have been disfranchised for five years and fined a nominal sum. Although work house terms have been given to practically all, most of the prison sentences have been suspended. An editor, who denounced the investigation, has been punished for contempt.

Corruption in Adams county goes back for over 20 years and is perhaps largely due to the absence of railways, telegraphs and telephones. There is in the county only one railroad line—a branch of the Norfolk & Western—and a few telegraph and telephone lines. West Union, the county seat, is not reached by either telegraph of railway. In this respect it stands alone among county seats in Ohio.

Both parties for years have participated in the vote buying. Starting at $1 and $2, prices have risen to $20 per vote. Much of the boodling has been almost public. Instances of auctioning votes are reported.

Judge Blair, who was brought up in the county, recently determined to end the corruption. Among those indicted are his life-long friends and some of his early playmates. Men in all walks of life and of unblemished reputation otherwise have been caught in the net.

AVIATOR GRACE STILL MISSING.

Rumor That Fishermen Saw Him Drop Into Sea.

Calais, France, Dec. 24.—It was rumored here tonight that the crew of a fishing boat had seen Cecil Grace, the aviator, fall into the North Sea, but telegrams of inquiry, dispatched to the mayors in the towns and villages of the coasts of Belgium and Holland, were all answered to the effect that there was no news of the air man.

London, Dec. 24.—The only development in the disappearance of Grace was an unconfirmed rumor current at Amsterdam this afternoon that an aeroplane had been picked up in the North Sea. It was said to be without a pilot. A fleet of torpedo boats sent out from Sherness to scour the waters of the vicinity had not returned up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Grace had flown from Dover to Calais and was heading back for the English shore when, apparently, he lost his bearings and instead of continuing toward Dover steered his aeroplane to the northeast and over the North Sea. Efforts to find him on land or water have continued ceaselessly since Thursday evening.

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Scene at the great fire in the Chicago stock yards, where 25 firemen, including fire Chief Horan, perished during the past week. Picture shows debris under which the bodies of the firemen were found.

HORNET MAY BE SEIZED.

Naval Vessels Ordered to Overtake Suspicious Vessel.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Following the lodgment of formal protests by the Honduran minister against the sailing of the Hornet from New Orleans on what is charged to be a filibustering movement directed against President Davilla, the officials of the State and Navy Departments have instructed the consuls and naval officers in Central America to look out for the vessel if she appears off the coast of Honduras. Orders already have been sent to the commander of the Tacoma on the Atlantic side of the country, and these have now been supplemented by instructions to the commander of the Yorktown, which has been lying at the Nicaraguan port of Corinto, to proceed northward to Amapala, Honduras, and guard against a violation of the neutrality laws by Americans on the Pacific coast of Honduras.

There is no question as to the right of the naval officers to search the Hornet or any other suspicious craft if they appear in Central American waters and if they have an armed force aboard they may be seized, even if the arms and men were taken on after the vessel cleared from an American port.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CONVICTS

Governors of Southern States Issued Pardons in Batches.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 24.—Eleven convicts were freed from the Arkansas penitentiary today, their pardons coming as Christmas presents from Governor George W. Oonaghey. Their crimes ranged from larceny to criminal assault.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.—Governor E. F. Noel, with the issuance of three pardons today, announced that extending of clemency for this year was completed. In all, eleven prisoners were given their freedom as Christmas gifts.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 24.—Twenty prisoners at the State penitentiary were given pardons today by Governor Sanders. Each man on being released, was presented with a new suit of clothes and $5.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—Seventy-five convicts of the State penitentiary will walk out tomorrow free men, having executive clemency bestowed upon them by Governor Campbell. It is probable that the holiday pardons will total a hundred before New Year's.

KID McCOY IS DIVORCED.

Rich Wife Secures Separation from Pugilist—His Fifth Wife.

New York, December 24.—Justice Platzek, in the Supreme Court today signed an interlocutory decree of divorce in favor of Mrs. Lilian Estelle Ellis Selby and against Norman N. Selby, known to pugilistic fame as Kid McCoy." Mrs. Selby charged her husband with a statutory offense. Mrs. Selby was the widow of Edward C. Ellis, also known as "Bud" Ellis, and the son of the wealthy locomotive manufacturer, of Schenectady, N. Y. Ellis left her a fortune estimated at a million dolalrs, with a part of which Selby embarked in the diamond business shortly after he married Mrs. Ellis. Selby's matrimonial ventures thus far, number five.

COOLLY KILLED WAITER.

Missouri Youth, Enraged Because He Was Slow.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Enraged because a steak he had ordered in a restaurant was not served promptly, John Bennett, aged 18 years, a newsboy, this afternoon drew a revolver and killed James Costas, an employe, of the restaurant. Bennett then excused himself to the other diners for the disturbance and walked out. He was arrested two blocks from the restaurant.

SIX PEOPLE ASPHYXIATED.

Deaths Caused by Gas Stove in Ohio Town.

Kenton, O., Dec. 24.—Monoxide is supposed to have caused the deaths of two women and four men whose bodies were found today in two rooms, heated by a gas stove which was burning when the building was entered.

You Must Read This if You Want the Benefit.

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago, "The pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief. These started with a pain in the small of my back, which gradually became fairly paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy, lumbago." Robt. R. Bellamy.

ICE GORGE BROKE WITH ROAR.

House Boat on Ohio Carried Down Stream in Crush.

Wheeling, W. Va., December 24.—The Ohio river ice gorge here let go with a roar this afternoon and caused much damage, besides endangering several lives. The ice had formed a gorge at the steel bridge, and at the city wharf, and when it let go carried with it the house boat and a number of small yachts of the Wheeling Yacht Club, with Fred Mahlke and Edward Curry on board. A mile below at West Wheeling, Ohio, the flotilla passed near the shore and steamboat men succeeded in mooring the boats, with the frightened pair uninjured.

The ice gorged again at Bellaire causing a sudden rise in the river to 15 feet. It is thought the Bellaire gorge will let go within a few hours and as there are many tow boats moored within 30 miles below Wheeling, much damage is feared.

Many house boats and small craft were cut down when the ice moved here today.

SHOT HIMSELF IN HEAD.

New York Man Then Called His Girl Over Telephone.

New York, December 24.—After firing a .38 calibre bullet into his head John Rice propped himself on his elbow on the floor, and calling for the telephone receiver, calmly resumed a conversation he had been holding with a young woman at the other end "You should see me now, Ray," he said, "I'm an awful mess."

This little episode took place in the Chatham Club early today.

Rice was sitting with several friends when he suddenly jumped up and went to the telephone.

"Is that you, Ray?" he inquired when the ring was answered, and then, after he had the reply, said: "I'm going to do it." With that he pulled a revolver from his pocket, and placing the muzzel at his right ear, fired thrice, dropped to the floor and resumed his telephone conversation.

It was said at the hospital he had an even chance for his life. He would not say why he had tried to kill himself.

FILIPINOS IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Commisioner Keefe Disapproves Their Importation.

Honolulu, Dec. 24.—Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration, who came here from Washington to investigate the immigration and labor problem in the Hawaiian Islands, sailed for San Francisco today. In an interview before his departure, the commissioner criticised the importation of Filipinos by the sugar planters and declared that they were not a peaceable class of laborers for the island.

Mr. Keefe praised the Russian immigrants brought from Siberia and considered them more desirable than the Filipinos, but said that the immigrations of Americans from the main land would best solve the labor problem and the Americanization of the island. The coming here of the Americans, however, in the opinion of the commissioner, was dependent upon higher wages than are now being paid in the island.

NOBLE HEARTED FIREMEN.

Men of Augusta Department Raise Fund for Chicago Sufferers.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 24.—Chief Frank G. Reynolds, a personal friend of the late Fire Marshal Horan, of Chicago, was today forced to insist that the men of his department scale down their voluntary contribution to the widows and orphans of the members of the Chicago fire department who lost their lives in the Morris plant fire, to one day's pay. Every man of the department, rank and file, wanted to give two days' pay from the current. Mayor Busse was notified this afternoon by wire of the action.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY IN GEORGIA

Officer Shoots and Kills Two Brothers Near Dublin.

Dublin, Ga., December 24. — Marshal Erastus Raffield, living near here this afternoon shot and killed two Thigpen brothers, T. A. L. and J. A. and fatally wounded the third—Claude Thigpen. Raffield was appointed marshal last Thursday and this afternoon the Thigpen brothers notified him that he, like his predecessor, would have to leave the country or be locked up. A fight ensued and when one of the brothers reached for his pistol, Raffield began firing. No arrests have been made.

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New York, December 24. — Private advices received here state that the famine in the provinces of Kiang Su and An Hui, China, already reported in the news despatches from Pekin has so far affected three million persons and that $1,000,000 is urgently needed for their aid. The combined population of the two provinces named is 37,650,549.

The recent years have been marked by repeated floods and this year both the spring and fall crops have been an almost total failure in large sections.

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FOUR ROOMS for rent at 219 South Third street. de25-1t*

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PHYSICIANS WANT their prescriptions compounded by Registered Pharmacists. There are Two at Hall's Drug Store. 'Phone and have your prescription sent for, filled and returned. de25-1t

MY CUSTOMERS, friends and all. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year are our most hearty wishes. Will not open Monday. Will be on the job Tuesday. Palace Market, by J. W. Batson. de25-tf

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WE HAVE MOVED our office and works to 519 North Second street, between Red Cross and Union station. Call to see us. Estimates cheerfully given. (Tucker's) Wilmington Granite & Marble Works. Box 277; residence 'phone 702. de21-6t*

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